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Fire traps face axe

Council backs get-tough plan

All old buildings in Victoria used for some kind of multiple occupancy, including hotels, nursing homes and public meeting halls, will have to be upgraded to eliminate actual and potential fire traps.

Victoria city council has given that commitment to Fire Chief Eric Simmons, and told him he can expect full backing of his recommendations for a get-tough policy.

Simmons was also assured by aldermen this week that, unlike Vancouver and some other cities, Victoria will not allow property owners a generous period of grace in which to carry out improvements to their buildings.

Said Mayor Peter Pollen at council's caucus meeting: "It's up to us to respond and we will." But Pollen and other council members noted that insistence on structural changes, provision of new equipment and other improvements could be so costly

in some cases as to cause the closure of old rooming houses and similar establishments — with resulting social displacement.

Ald. Sam Bawlf commented: "If it comes to the crunch where it is unavoidable, because there

is an institution involved and perhaps people who are immobile, we have to face the facts of the situation, and so does the property owner who may have neglected things for so long."

Bawlf said genuine hardship will be caused in some instances by the higher safety standards policy, but in other cases any complaints to City Hall will be merely a "smokescreen."

"The classic example we have to avoid is in Vancouver where the city gives them three years to fix everything up, and in the meantime places burn down and everyone in them," he added.

Simmons told council the suggested standards, covering everything from fire escapes to emergency lighting systems, could be enforced through amendments to the city's fire prevention bylaw.

Some standards are outlined in the 1970 National Building Code, he explained, but because the code cannot be applied retroactively there is a lack of legislative authority for ensuring fire safety standards.

Simmons' 12-page report, dated March 13, but apparently stalled due to senior staff changes at City Hall and other reasons, recalled that in 1958 city council granted an "amnesty" to

many of the non-conforming buildings in Victoria's residential districts.

Some of these buildings often providing "less than adequate" protection, date back 50 and 70 years. Others are apartment conversions developed through wartime pressure for additional boarding accommodation, he noted.

Because of "long acceptance of these occupancies," attempts to enforce adequate safety standards usually met with failure, the fire chief said.

Several times in his verbal presentation, Simmons stressed that the minimum standards demanded by his department can't be achieved without considerable cost.

But the ramifications of multiple-occupancy dwelling are such that the potential hazards can't be ignored, he said.

For example, last weekend's serious fire at the Seagate apartment building in Victoria West started in one suite which, translated to a single-family dwelling situation, would have meant loss of property and disruption to one family.

But, as it was, some 35 or 40 families were directly affected by the blaze.

Chief fire prevention officer Art Leason said that out of nearly 1,500 buildings surveyed in the city, between 60 and 70 per cent were found deficient in one or several respects.

Job security remains key issue

Talks suspended

Negotiations broke down Monday in a labor dispute between Victoria Press Ltd. and the Joint Council of Newspaper Unions which has halted publication of Victoria's two daily newspapers.

Within hours after government-appointed mediator Clark Gilmour suspended negotiations for a cooling-off period, the Joint Council announced it would publish a newspaper three times weekly during the period when publication of the Victoria Times and The Daily Colonist is suspended.

Len Guy, chief union negotiator, said the strike could last for three months.

It began at midnight last Friday when 21 pressmen, members of Printing Pressmen's Union Local 75, who actually print the daily papers, walked off the job.

By Saturday night about 300 other employees of Victoria Press were being refused admittance to the plant by company management.

Main issue in dispute is the question of job security at a time of technological change in the industry which threatens to do away with some jobs.

The company has guaranteed, during the life of the contract, the jobs of 85 per cent of the pressmen now employed but the Joint Council wants job security for 95 per cent of the employees. The company offered to send the issue to binding arbitration but

this suggestion was rejected by the union side.

J. C. Melville, general manager of Victoria Press, said Tuesday that negotiations so far have concentrated solely on the issue of job security and the

company wanted to move on to other contract issues.

Guy, former president of the Vancouver local of the International Typographical Union, and the new secretary of the B.C. Federation of Labor,

said the union's position is that no collective agreement is worthwhile if a lot of workers lose their jobs because of technical developments.

Guy said that, even after the strike, the company tried to negotiate on issues other than job security when talks resumed Monday morning.

Gilmour, who has been mediating the dispute, called off the talks in view of a hardening in the attitudes of both sides.

Gilmour said he would call further bargaining sessions when he thinks the time is opportune.

One of the last matters that arose in the last negotiating session was that The Newspaper Guild initiated a grievance against Victoria Press, claiming about \$250,000 in pay to employees who, the guild claimed, were laid off work without the required two weeks notice.

The company issued a statement Tuesday telling employees that Victoria Press would continue their existing medical and life insurance coverage and that the employees' share of the cost of this coverage would be recovered from them "when normal operations resume."

The decision to publish a newspaper while the regular papers are out of operation was made within hours of the breakdown in negotiations Monday. The paper is being produced by employees who are on strike or locked out and its initial press run was planned at 45,000 copies.

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This is both a birth and a death notice. We herewith announce the birth of The Victoria Express and the certainty of its death at some future date.

The Victoria Express is born out of the temporary suspension of publication of the Victoria Times and The Daily Colonist. The Express is being published to fill the void created by Victoria Press Ltd.'s suspension of operations.

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Forest crews back but still 'dissatisfied'

The 2,000 tradesmen who walked off the job last week in protest against the latest wage offer from Forest Industrial Relations (F.I.R.), which

The forest industry is back to normal again this week — for the time being at any rate.

bargains for the forest industry, returned to work starting Monday morning.

However, there were predictions of further upheavals after Christmas.

At its worst at the weekend, the walkout had idled up to 15,000 woodworkers — about half the

coastal forest industry — as logging and mill equipment broke down and could not be repaired.

The tradesmen do maintenance and repair work for the industry.

As the men returned to work,

IWA officials were saying that the grievances are far from settled.

"They are still totally dissatisfied with the latest industry offer for wage revisions," said Jack Groves, Victoria IWA spokesman.

They are unhappy, he said, because the offer (of raises up to 38 cents an hour) is too low, and because it is not an across-the-board offer.

The effect of the industry offer, he said, would be to wipe out present master contract wage differentials. The present negotiations are for mid-term wage revisions.

However, Don Lanskill, F.I.R. president, stressed Tuesday the offer was "absolutely the final position" of the forest companies.

No new negotiations are scheduled, he said, because the industry has just completed two months of talks and will not change its offer.

Air fares rising by 21%

Air fare between Victoria and Vancouver will effectively rise by 21 per cent beginning Jan. 1, as the result of a new airport charge to be imposed on everyone boarding a plane in Canada.

The charge, announced by federal Transport Minister Jean Marchand this week, will amount to \$2.80 a passenger and will apply to all domestic, in-

ternational, and charter departures.

If a passenger departs from more than one airport on any flight, because of a stopover or a change of plane, he will have to pay the charge — the government has avoided calling it a tax — twice.

The charge is actually being imposed against the airline companies because the govern-

ment has no legal authority to impose such charges on individual passengers.

However, the companies are expected to pass the increase on to the passengers. For a flight between Vancouver and Victoria, this would mean total fare would be \$15.80 instead of the current \$13, an increase of 21 per cent.

Airlines may also add another 50 cents to cover their share of airport security costs, estimated at 80 cents a passenger.

The other 30 cents will come from the \$2.80 charge. The rest of that charge will go into the government revolving fund from which all government airports' operating expenses are paid.

The charge is expected to reduce by almost half the annual deficit of the revolving fund, but the airports still won't be paying for themselves, Marchand said.

WHY NOT DROP A LINE

Our first issue, Volume 1, Number 1, is an effort to keep you informed on what's happening in Greater Victoria. But we're missing something that only you can provide. Letters to the Editor. We want to hear from you — your opinions, your likes, your dislikes. We'll print them. Our only

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Mother to the rescue

Boa with motion shocks fireman

An eight-foot boa constrictor survived a fire that engulfed a house at 408 Kerr early Monday. The snake, a pet of occupant Sandra Erickson and her two children, Troy, 3, and Tracey, 4, was found in the remains of a front bedroom curled up in the bottom of its glass cage.

Assistant chief Cliff Button said a fireman saw the animal and, thinking it was dead, poked it with his foot.

"He nearly hit the roof when the thing started to move," Button said.

Mrs. Erickson, who had taken her children to a neighbor's

house after the fire broke out, came to the rescue. She picked up the animal, examined it to see if it was injured, then draped it around her neck and walked out as firemen cleared a path for her.

Another pet, a guinea pig, died in the fire.

Button estimated the loss at \$15,000 for the building and \$3,000 for the contents. He said the contents were not insured.

The fire, reported at 6:57 a.m., was believed to have been caused by children playing with matches, he said.

Garbage men rate second

WASHINGTON-Americans are pessimistic about their government, cynical about their leaders, and alarmed over the state of their nation, but they're putting their trust in a group which is in the dirtiest business of all.

A Senate-financed poll conducted by Louis Harris found that U.S. citizens place more confidence in their garbage men than in the police, church, press, Congress, or the White House.

Only two groups - the medical profession and the trash men - earned the trust of more than half the 1,596 persons polled Sept. 13-22 in 200 locations. Doctors were trusted by 57 per cent and garbage men by 52 per cent.

The poll, which cost \$25,000, was commissioned by the Senate subcommittee on intergovernmental relations and released by chairman Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) and Sen. Edward Gurney (R-Fla.).

Also polled were 68 state officials in 15 states and 206 local government officials in 96 municipalities. The poll showed 53 per cent feel there is "something deeply wrong in America" but only 34 per cent of the state officials and 45 per cent of the municipal leaders agreed.

Forty-five per cent felt the quality of life has deteriorated in the last 10 years, but they got agreement from only 6 per cent of state officials and 24 per cent of local officials.

"Leaders tend far less to see

the country in a state of unusual crisis," Harris said, "at least in part because they feel that governmental services and many other key institutions are doing a more effective job than the public is prepared to believe."

Seventy-two per cent of those polled were most concerned about inflation, compared with 57 per

cent who expressed similar concern in a May, 1972, poll.

Replacing taxes as the second most critical issue was government integrity, reflecting the Watergate scandal. Other leading issues of concern were crime, drugs, welfare reform, pollution, taxes, the energy crisis, education and "social breakdown."

Smokers cited as cause of six fires

Carelessly placed cigarettes caused six of eight fires in Greater Victoria on the weekend, according to a fire department spokesman.

The eight fires resulted in injuries to three people and more than \$100,000 damage.

Victoria police said Muriel Pattle, 49, of Suite 4, 1115 Collinson, received third degree burns to her head and neck when fire broke out in a couch in her apartment Saturday afternoon.

She had apparently been smoking and had fallen asleep, police said. She was admitted to Victoria General Hospital where her condition is reported as good.

Firemen said two neighbours, Susan Mahannah and Janine Johnson, smelled smoke, broke open the door and rescued the

woman before fire trucks arrived.

In a fire earlier Saturday, a 19-year-old girl, Merle Schooner, 596 Toronto, was hospitalized with smoke inhalation. Police said a cigarette caused a fire in a mattress on which the girl had been sleeping following a party.

Reno Renault, 38, received burns to his arm, legs and back when fire gutted his suite at 215 Oswego Sunday morning causing \$20,000-\$25,000 damage. Renault was taken to hospital where he was treated and released.

Firemen said a combination of careless smoking and faulty electrical wiring appeared to be the cause.

The most damage was caused by a blaze that broke out in the Seagate apartments, 707 Esquimalt, early Saturday.

A fire department spokesman said the fire, which caused \$60,000 damages, started in a chesterfield and spread through an open door where the occupants had fled and into the hallway.

The suite was gutted and water damaged an apartment directly below. Smoke and heat caused varying damage to 43 other apartments in the complex.

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PICKETS are posted outside the front entrance of Victoria Press Building. Members of Printing Pressmen Local 79 struck newspaper company Friday at midnight. On left is Gus Pilloud, right Rudy Kullman.

Paper freeze: blow or bonanza

Readers grumbled, advertisers worried about Christmas sales, newsboys stayed home and radio stations reaped a bonanza this week as Greater Victoria was hit by its first major newspaper strike.

It was bad news for some, good news for others and little news all around.

People like George Pym, 84, were just as unhappy about the strike at the two dailies as were big department stores like Eaton's and The Bay, although for different reasons.

For the past seven years, Pym, a widower, has devoted the better part of each day to the daily newspapers. He devoured the Colonist every morning, and visited the main library every afternoon at 4 sharp to read the Times.

"I'm absolutely lost," he muttered as he sat in the library this week leafing through a Vancouver daily, searching for the Victoria news.

Department stores, theatre owners, used-car dealers, travel agents and supermarket managers all put up a brave front. They didn't foresee

disaster, but agreed that a long strike would bite into their businesses.

"The pattern has broken down," complained advertising manager Ron Tench of The Bay, stuck with a pile of ad layouts that were collecting dust. "We have no history of this type of experience in Victoria, and it'll be interesting to see what happens."

Like Eaton's, about 90 per cent of its advertising budget goes to the two daily newspapers.

Used car dealer Charles de Pape predicted that a prolonged strike would reduce the number of people who go browsing from lot to lot.

"Most of our customers come with a newspaper in their pocket, with Xs marked beside certain cars."

Travel agent Tom Woodward said the city's 22 agents will start to feel the crunch in mid-December, when the 1974 tourist material arrives in their offices.

"The travel service is an in-

tangible thing. You've got to keep it before the public."

And grocery stores, with their slim profit margins, were suffering a mild case of the trembles. A spokesman for one big supermarket chain said shoppers today are price-conscious enough to travel miles for a special item they see advertised in the daily newspaper.

"This thing has sent everybody scrambling," he said. "You may not believe it, but people will drive in all the way from Langford for their shopping if they see a few good specials in the papers."

Perhaps the first to suffer from the strike were the local cinemas. Jack Armstrong, manager of five theatres, reported a "big drop" in business on Monday and blamed a lack of newspaper advertising.

He said cinema-goers are pulled by grabby newspaper ads that appear day after day.

Meanwhile, the proverbial man-on-the-street invaded the

news stands for Vancouver dailies, which sold in five and six times their normal numbers.

One irate lady at Horseshoe News on Government, missing out on the last copy of the Vancouver Sun, announced to all within earshot that she was cancelling her subscription to a local paper as soon as publication resumed. "I'm fed up," she barked.

Shops that normally sell 80 copies of the Vancouver papers every day were running through more than 450, and dozens of news-hungry customers had to be turned away.

Two elderly gentlemen entered a Yates Street shop and couldn't understand why the Colonist and Times were not being published when a "union newspaper" (The Express) was in the works.

Explained another news dealer: "Their dignity is hurt because they can't buy the local paper they've been reading for decades."

Radio stations and the Victorian Weekly, meanwhile, were hitting new heights of prosperity.

Moaned CJVI sales manager Robbie Dunn: "I've got a stack of ad applications sitting on my desk that we can't handle and it makes me sick to see all that money being refused."

All three stations had reached the maximum of 1,500 minutes of weekly commercial time allowed under federal regulations.

Dunn said his station was running special feature columns, horoscopes, obituaries and world weather bulletins in an effort to produce a "newspaper of the air."

He also offered some hope to newspaper readers who usually follow the adventures of Mark Trail and Mary Worth.

"We're even toying with the idea of reading comic strips on the air, and will probably do it if the strikes go on much longer."

CKDA said it was turning out

longer newscasts and that regular advertisers, who are receiving preferential treatment, were warned last week to book air time before the strike hit.

The local newspaper field was left almost entirely to the five-year-old Victorian, a weekly with a circulation of 67,000, which promptly announced it was expanding to two editions a week.

Publisher John Damgaard said the tabloid was shuffling its staff to lay more stress on hard news. "We now have a different responsibility to the community," he said.

The strike at Victoria Press provided the Victorian with a windfall in advertising.

Even the tiny C.C. Free Press, a struggling weekly that is operated on a shoestring, shared in the bonanza.

"We got an ad today from Simpsons-Sears that we've been trying to get for months," said publisher Dan Heffernan.

Poser for 1974

Region places books on shelf

The Capital Region Board may be maneuvered into accepting yet another function, despite its recent resolution that it will not take on additional services unless it gets additional sources of revenue.

The added function in question is that of providing library services on a regional basis.

It's not that the regional board is particularly interested in entering the library services field, but it may come under pressure to do so as a result of new provincial policy which provides for generous grants to library systems operated on a regional level.

Initial overtures aimed at re-

gionalism of library services were made last April by the Greater Victoria Library Board.

To eliminate the annual struggle for removal of the library budget by the councils of the five municipalities served in the existing library system, the library board urged the regional board to take over the function.

But so far, the regional board has refused to debate the proposal in detail. Last week, it referred the matter to the 1974 regional board.

Now, according to a letter sent to the regional board by the library board, four separate grants are available for library systems operated on a regional basis.

The grants would provide a building grant of \$150,000, expansion grants of \$2 per capita, headquarters grants of \$2 per capita and resource centre grants of \$1 per capita.

The letter says the provincial government envisions the eventual establishment of 11 library systems in British Columbia.

"The allocation of provincial grants will favor larger units of service, with provincial support not less than 20 per cent of the total cost of public library services in B.C.," the letter says.

The province, it adds, would also pay no less than 20 per cent of any large library system's operating costs.

In the case of the Greater Victoria Public Library, this would mean an increase in the provincial government's share of annual operating costs from \$58,000 to \$88,000, roughly five per cent, to \$200,000.

Library Development Commission would look on regionalization of the Greater Victoria Library "as a step in the right direction."

No decision on the matter is expected, however, until the 1974 regional board takes office.

Old Town wires face burial in co-op scheme

A \$3.5 million beautification scheme that will rid Victoria's Old Town of all above-ground wiring and utility poles, has been approved by city council's finance committee.

The project, one of the most ambitious efforts to rehabilitate the older and decaying part of the city, will be financed by B.C. Hydro, B.C. Telephone Co. and the city of Victoria.

The city's share of the cost will be \$1.2 million. B.C. Hydro and B.C. Tel will pay the remainder.

The area affected by the underground wiring project is bounded by Pandora and the Inner Harbor, Government and Wharf.

The city's share will be financed with funds provided by two last capital works budgets. Some money was included for the specific purpose of providing underground wiring; the rest will be transferred from projects which have been cancelled.

To get the ball rolling, the committee recommended to council that amendments to the capital budget bylaws be prepared, permitting the allocation of necessary funds.

This project is the first endeavor by the city to help finance the rehabilitation of Old Town. Until now, all efforts in that direction have come from private quarters.

One example is the formation last year of the Greater Victoria Environmental Enhancement Foundation, a non-profit organization, which undertook the restoration of the Simon Leiser Building at 524 Yates, now the Capital Region Board's headquarters.

Similar projects have been carried out in various parts of the old city core ever since the Old Town Study was prepared by groups of students from the University of Victoria and the University of British Columbia.

Ald. Sam Bawlf, a developer specializing in the "restoration of old buildings to contemporary use," has been trying to create more interest in rebuilding, rather than tearing down old structures.

Examples of Bawlf's work are the Counting House on Broad and the old Law Courts Building in Bastion Square.

Wage assurance aimed at dairies

The provincial government has started negotiations with B.C. dairymen aimed at setting up the first income assurance scheme under enabling legislation brought in during the fall session.

Dairy Commissioner Dave Blair said the meetings will work out a cost-of-production formula which would guarantee dairymen an income at least equal to their costs.

Blair said under the federal milk pricing formula dairymen are losing money because costs are inflating more quickly than the formula can respond.

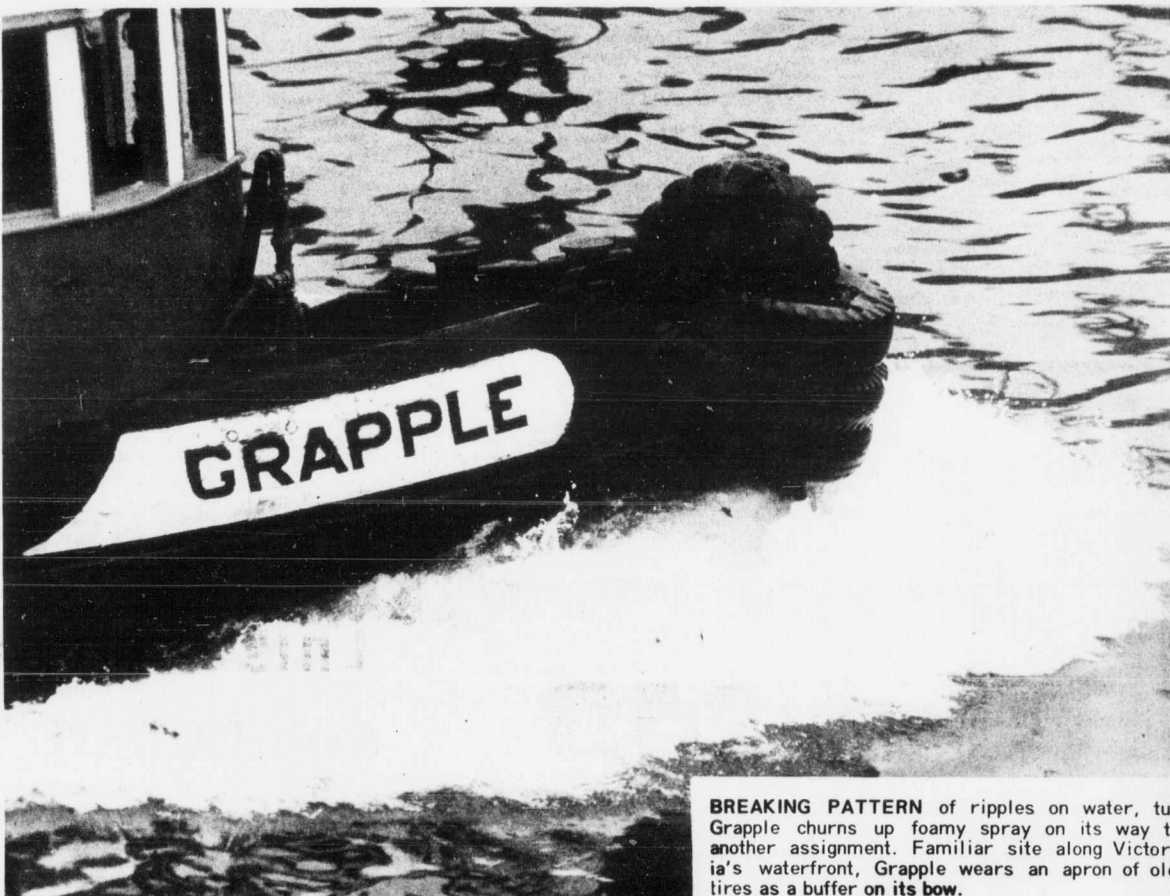
An income assurance scheme would be voluntary and operate like a regular insurance plan with farmers paying premiums in return for an assured income. Agriculture Minister Dave

Stupich said in Abbotsford earlier this week the scheme would not prevent milk price increases but would keep increases in line with the existing federal formula.

Last week dairy farmers threatened to withhold all their milk unless the government increased the wholesale price. They agreed to drop those threats when Stupich promised an income assurance scheme.

The scheme would come under Bill 9, introduced during the fall session of the legislature, which allows the government wide powers to set up any kind of income scheme for the agriculture industry.

The province hopes the federal government will join in the program but Stupich said B.C. will "go it alone" if necessary.



BREAKING PATTERN of ripples on water, tug Grapple churns up foamy spray on its way to another assignment. Familiar site along Victoria's waterfront, Grapple wears an apron of old tires as a buffer on its bow.

Camosun balks at Bastion rent

Camosun College is eyeing a site in Bastion Square for its proposed downtown campus, but it's not happy about the high rent it will have to pay.

The site being considered is the second floor of the Wilson and Proctor Building on Wharf St., next to Bastion Square.

Rent being asked by Anglo-Canadian Management Ltd. for the second floor is roughly \$800 a month.

Besides the rent, the college would have to spend about \$50,000 fixing up the interior of the old building, Anglo-Canadian president Richard Talbot said in a letter.

The college wouldn't have to pay for exterior renovations to the building or for a bridge to be built from the square to the second floor, said the letter.

College bursar Dean Winram told Camosun College council Monday that the rent being asked

for the space was "far beyond our ability to pay."

Yet because of an extreme shortage of rental space downtown, the Wilson and Proctor building was the only site that could be found meeting the council's specifications for a downtown campus, he said.

Council decided to continue talks with Anglo-Canadian to negotiate a five-year lease that isn't too costly.

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a site on a main pedestrian thoroughfare in downtown Victoria, within three blocks of Bastion Square.

College chairman Dr. Harold Knight said part of the space shortage is caused by the expansion of the provincial government into downtown buildings.

Many owners are holding back renting their space in hopes of getting a better offer from the government, he said.

Another reason for high prices and few spaces for rent in the Bastion Square area is the emergence of the Reid Centre as a real possibility again, said Winram.

Hotel expansion plans stir Oak Bay

Oak Bay council chamber was crowded to capacity Monday with people determined to stop any possible enlargement of Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

The public hearing was on a bylaw that would have changed the zoning of the site from apartment to hotel.

Present zoning would permit a 50-60 suite apartment building on the site, municipal engineer Geoffrey White said, and would also permit site coverage of 35 per cent, compared with the 15

per cent now covered by the hotel.

Although zoning committee chairman Ald. Brian Smith had introduced the new bylaw in order to stop any apartments being built, nearby residents strongly opposed the proposed bylaw, saying it would allow the new hotel owners (the hotel changed hands Nov. 6) to expand.

The proposed bylaw, which was referred back for further study, would allow site coverage to be increased to 25 per cent.

White said the new bylaw would require additional parking for the hotel that must be placed underground but nearby residents said the problem as far as they are concerned is the noise that comes from the hotel.

"It's just not the parking," one woman said, "it's the noise. If you lived there you'd go out of your mind. Nobody minds an apartment but a hotel with a beer parlor that could go bigger - there's no way we're going to have that."

"Cocktail lounges attract transient traffic," one man said, "these people don't want to bother with underground parking. They'll park anywhere it's handy."

"They don't even bother to use the hotel's toilet facilities."

Conceding the bylaw should have further study, Smith said, "It would be inconceivable we

should go ahead and pass the bylaw in this form. There's a number of wrinkles in it, apart from the whole philosophical question."

Night depositor robbed — twice

For the second time in less than two months, Brenda Marie Otten of Sidney has been robbed while preparing to make a late-night deposit at a Victoria bank.

Victoria police said Otten, a supervisor of the A and W drive-in at 1921 Oak Bay, was approaching the night depository at the Toronto-Dominion Bank, 1900 Richard, early Tuesday when a man standing in the shadows called, "Bring it here."

Police said the man leaned over a railing and appeared to be pointing a gun at her.

She dropped the deposit bag on the ground and ran to her car 25 feet away where her husband, Robert, was waiting.

Otten told The Express he saw the man but because of the dark

could not give a description. He said he heard him speak to his wife but the words were "a mumble." He said he was "quite sure" the man was armed, having seen a flash in the shadows which he took to be a gun.

The man disappeared with the bag which contained \$287 cash and a \$95 cheque.

The circumstances were almost identical to an early morning incident Oct. 21 when Mrs. Otten was robbed as she prepared to deposit \$600 cash at the bank. Police speculate the same person may be involved.

Both Mrs. Otten and A and W area manager Steven McIntyre declined to comment.

What in the heavens happened?

Astrological enthusiasts are stymied.

While their binoculars strained unsuccessfully to the southeast early Tuesday in hopes of getting a glimpse of the Comet Kohoutek, an inexperienced star-gazer was pointed in his own direction.

Situated at one of the best vantage points — the control

tower at Victoria International Airport — Dave Edwards was more successful.

A transport ministry worker at the tower, who usually leaves stars to the heavens, Edwards was sure he had spotted the comet.

"It was about 5:55 a.m., and it looked like a big, bright star," a spokesman at the Dominion

Astrophysical Observatory, however, had to break the news. That bright star couldn't possibly be "the" comet.

But Edwards is hooked. During his next midnight shift at the tower, he'll be ready. Armed with a small telescope, he promises he'll be aimed in the right direction.

NHL players could go on strike

Officials of the National Hockey League have done the inevitable by dropping the reserve from players' contracts — something the NHL has diligently defended and the players have often vigorously attacked.

However, after the NHL brass this week conformed to other professional sports and agreed that players will be permitted to play out their options and then negotiate with other clubs, the possibility of a player strike was suggested by Alan Eagleson, executive director of the NHL Players' Association.

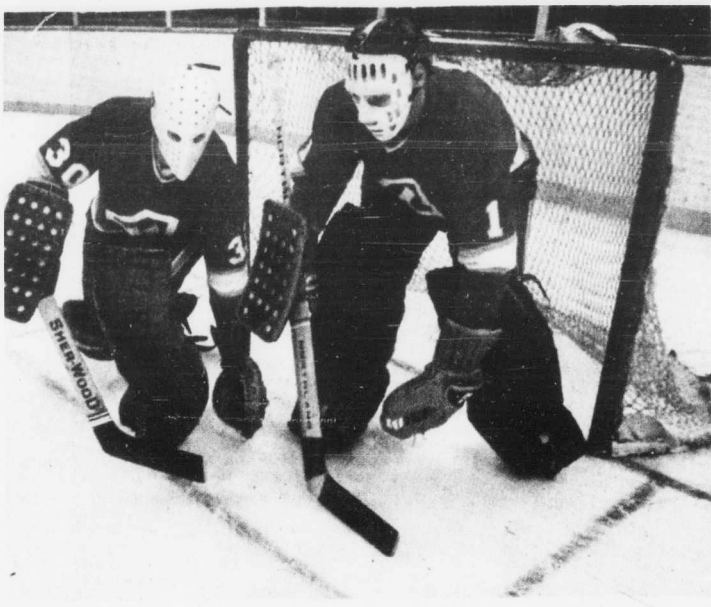
Eagleson's statement followed a report from NHL president Clarence Campbell that the league is dropping the reserve clause in favor of a one-year option system similar to the contract formula in professional football.

Eagleson disclosed that the players' association lawyer, Ira Millstein, believed the suggested adjustment may be illegal under U.S. anti-trust laws.

"I will discuss this matter with Mr. Millstein to determine whether strike action might be considered to support the position of players," said Eagleson.

Campbell had said that "NHL standard contracts signed hereafter will give the team only a one-year option on a player's services."

"This means that at the end of



Atlanta Flames' goalies Danny Bouchard, left, Phil Myre

his option, a player has the opportunity to become a free agent if he wishes.

"The modifications we have made give our players what we believe to be the most liberal standard contract in professional sports."

However, one clause in the

new system appears destined to stir considerable controversy.

The clause states that if a player decides to become a free agent, the team with which he signs must compensate the athlete's former club with either another player or players, future draft choices or cash. The form of compensation is to be

determined by the owners of the two teams involved.

Eagleson said the requirement for a team to be compensated reduces the value of the option.

"If Bobby Orr were to play out his option with Boston Bruins," commented Eagleson, "what team would hire him, knowing

they would be obliged to part with several players or millions in cash?

Meanwhile, Montreal Canadiens, who have managed only a .500 performance this season on home ice, went into this week's action attempting to retain their position as kings of the road.

Drubbed 5-0 by Chicago Black Hawks Saturday at Montreal, the Canadiens again played the part of champions on the road Sunday, clipping the Flames 3-1 in Atlanta.

Pete Mahovich, Jacques Lemaire and Chuck Leffley fired the goals that gave Montreal its 10th victory in 12 road games. At home, the Canadiens are 5-5-1.

In the Saturday contest, Chicago goalie Tony Esposito earned his fifth shutout of the campaign and rookie Darcy Rota notched two tallies.

Also on Saturday, Toronto Maple Leafs nipped California Golden Seals 3-2, Minnesota North Stars and Los Angeles Kings battled to a 1-1 deadlock, Buffalo Sabres clipped Detroit Red Wings 4-1, Atlanta played to a 2-2 tie with Penguins at Pittsburgh, New York Rangers were held to a 4-4 draw by the Blues in St. Louis and Philadelphia Flyers edged New York Islanders 2-1 on Jim Watson's first goal of the season.

On Sunday, Buffalo blasted Detroit 6-1, Boston battered the Islanders 5-3, Philadelphia drubbed California 5-1, the Rangers topped Toronto 6-4 and Tony Esposito blocked 29 shots as the Black Hawks squeezed past the Penguins, 2-1.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Success can't spoil Nicklaus' greatness

Success apparently isn't spoiling the desire of Jack Nicklaus to earn recognition as the greatest golfer of all time.

Just a few days after he had passed another milestone by coming from two strokes off the pace with a 67 to win the Walt Disney World Open, Nicklaus was talking about next year.

"My game is good, my attitude is good," said the Golden Bear. "I see no reason why I should not continue to improve next year. "One of these years, I'm going to have a really super season."

He's already had a super season, winning seven tournaments to become the first player in golf history to top \$2 million in career earnings.

Jack's 275 total last weekend was 13 under par for 72 holes on the Magnolia Course at Lake Buena Vista, Fla., where he has won this tournament all three years it has been played.

Finishing one shot ahead of charging Mason Rudolph, Nicklaus collected \$30,000 from the last tournament on the long gold trail schedule. That gave him \$308,362 for the season and made it three straight years he has wound up as golf's leading money-winner.

It also gave him a total of \$2,012,968 for his 51-victory, 12-year pro career, in which he passed the \$1-million mark on Jan. 25, 1970.

On the final round of the Disney event, Nicklaus swept past youthful John Mahaffey and held off the veteran Rudolph, who moved within one stroke with a birdie on the 71st hole. Rudolph salvaged a par on the final green to protect his second-place position, worth \$17,100.

The leading finishers: Jack Nicklaus (275); Mason Rudolph (276); John Mahaffey (277); John Schlee (278); Lou Graham (278); Hubert Green



(278); Miller Barber (279) and Rod Curl (280).

Elsewhere in the world of sports:

Two Canadians are listed among the top money-winners on the Ladies' Professional Golf Association tour. Jocelyne Bourassa managed tournament earnings of \$14,945 while Sandra Post Elliott picked up \$20,409. Top winner was Kathy Whitworth, who collected \$82,864. The Monte Carlo rally will not be held next year, the cancellation following an announcement by Premier Messmer of France that motor races and rallies will be called off in his country for the time being because of the fuel crisis.

Australia wound up with a 2-1 edge over Britain with a 15-5 victory in the third Rugby League test.

Unanimous approval of the proposed increases in the cost of hunting and fishing licenses for next year has been announced by the B.C. Wildlife Federation. Plans call for the resident angling license to increase from \$3 to \$5 and the hunting license to

go from \$4 to \$7. There will also be an increase in game tag and steelhead punch-card licenses. A 2-2 draw with Queen's Park in last weekend's weather-curtailed soccer schedule left Leeds United unbeaten in 18 games this season and atop the English Soccer League's first division by six points over defending-champion Liverpool.

Karen Magnusen is proving a tremendous drawing card with Ice Capades and anyone planning to see her when the show is in Victoria should see about tickets as soon as possible. The show runs at Memorial Arena from Wednesday, Dec. 12, through the following Sunday. Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee, and his three vice-presidents are planning to meet one by one with presidents of 26 affiliated international sports federations in an effort to frame a new Olympic eligibility rule.

The Swedish Ice Hockey Association, its action prompted by the loss of five stars to the NHL, has decided to work towards creation of a European professional league. Also in its planning is an open world championship. O. J. Simpson tied a National Football League record Sunday by getting his ninth straight 100-yard performance. He rushed for 137 yards to help Buffalo Bills beat Atlanta Falcons, 17-6. His league-leading total is 1,587 yards. He needs 277 yards in his final two games to break the league's one-season record of 1,863 yards, set by Jim Brown 10 years ago.

Castaways shocked Victoria Rugby Union league and playoff champion James Bay Athletic Association 18-4 in a first-division match at Macdonald Park on the weekend.

Both teams were several key players short, due to injuries and Sunday's Victoria Crimson Tide Rep game, and were forced to use substitutes.

In second-division games, Nanaimo crushed Saanich Agrians 30-0 and Saanich Velox downed Castaways 14-9.

And in first-division exhibition matches, Cowichan lost 12-0 to Vancouver Trojans in Vancouver and University of Victoria Vikings edged Oak Bay Wanderers 6-3 on two penalty goals by Rick Couch at Windsor Park.

Faker had field day until camera catch

TORONTO — Joan Morris had to watch a televised National Football League game to discover she was the victim of a perfect fake.

Mrs. Morris reported to police that she loaned \$800 to a man claiming to be wide receiver Roy Jefferson of the Washington Redskins at a party. He said he needed

the cash to get back to Washington for the game.

But as Mrs. Morris was watching the game on TV, the camera zoomed in for a closeup of Jefferson lying on the field. And it wasn't the man to whom Mrs. Morris handed over the money.

Kenneth Braithwaite, 21, of Toronto, has been arrested and charged with fraud.

Keglers at ready

Veteran tenpinners go gunning for honors Sunday at Mayfair Lanes in the second annual "50 and up" men's bowling tournament, won last year by Wilf Johnston.

Ladies were busy on the boards at Mayfair last weekend as Marg Hull collected \$30 and the championship trophy in the annual "50 and up" tenpin event staged by the Victoria Women's Bowling Association.

The Duncan bowler fired

a three-game series of 504 and added a handicap total of 146 for a 650 tally and a 10-pin margin over runner-up Peggy Parsons, who had 580-60-640.

Etta Shaw, scoring 530-90-620, finished in third place and was followed by Judy Sovka (550-63-613), Coby Lobbezoo (540-67-607), Lil Walsh (482-121-603), Peg Wells (493-108-601), Sue Mills (483-114-597), Jean Page (485-108-593) and Emily Medland (516-74-590).

Crimson Tide Reps engulf Vancouverites

VANCOUVER — Victoria Crimson Tide are a giant step closer to retaining the McKechnie Cup, symbol of inter-union rugby supremacy in the province.

With standoff-half Cliff Yorath of Castaways making a brilliant first appearance this season, the Victoria Reps capitalized on their opponents' errors to blank Vancouver Reps 20-0 at Brockton Oval Sunday.

The big kicking Yorath, given a trial during the Canadian Football League season by B.C. Lions' coach Eagle Keys, scored a try,

converted it, then booted two penalty goals to provide 12 of the Tide points.

Centre Tom Carson intercepted a pass and streaked over for a try. The other try was scored by prop-forward Mick Eckhardt.

Crimson Tide plays its other games in the four-team, round-robin McKechnie Cup competition against the new Fraser Valley Rugby Union Reps at Victoria's Macdonald Park March 2, and against University of British Columbia Thunderbirds at Thunderbird Stadium in Vancouver April 6.

Top girl cagers appear here Friday

British Columbia's top high school girls' basketball teams will be in action Friday at Mt. Douglas Ramblers' first annual invitational basketball tournament.

Mt. Doug, the B.C. high school champion, has invited Salmon Arm Jewels, Victoria Tigers, Sir Charles Tupper Tigerettes of Vancouver, Quesnel Nuggets, New Westminster Hyacks, Kamloops Red Angels and Mt.

View Hornets to the single-loss elimination tournament.

Jewels finished second in the B.C. tournament last spring and will have all-stars Tara Smith and Sandra Tatchell in the lineup.

Other strong contenders will be the Tigerettes, who won the Vancouver title last year, and the Hyacks, who were fourth in the provincial tournament.

Play begins Friday at 3:30 p.m., with New Westminster

meeting Kamloops. Salmon Arm takes on Victoria at 5, Quesnel meets Mount View at 7:30 and Sir Charles Tupper goes against Mt. Douglas at 9.

Highlighting action in boys' basketball this weekend will be the visit of two Oregon teams, Sandy and Prineville, to Oak Bay.

Bays play Sandy at 8 p.m. Friday and Prineville at 8 Saturday.

Belmont Braves have invited Mt. Douglas boys, Penticton, and Hillside of Vancouver to their annual Tomahawk tournament. Games are scheduled for 6:30 and 8:30 Friday and Saturday nights.

Esquimalt Dockers have games with Sardis at 8 p.m. Friday and St. Patricks of Vancouver at 2:30 Saturday, while Reynolds Roadrunners will be up-Island for the Duncan Tournament.



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Panic time for Cougars

It's almost getting to the panic stage with Victoria Cougars.

Locked in a losing streak that has stretched for five games, Cougars are watching their hopes for a playoff berth in the Western Division of the Western Canada Hockey League slip away.

The Island club dropped two games, Saturday by 3-1 and Tuesday by 3-2, to Winnipeg Clubs, last in the Eastern Division.

Cougars have only one more home game remaining before hitting the road for a seven-game-in-nine days swing through Alberta and Manitoba, starting Dec. 11 in Calgary.

On Tuesday, Peter Morris and Derek Haas scored in the first period to overcome an earlier goal by Greg Warren and give Cougars a 2-1 edge.

Jeff Dunsmore and Laurie Deprez scored early in the second period and the Clubs hung on, despite intense pressure in the final minutes.

The teams earlier had completed a trade which sent 19-year-old winger Don Dziadyk to the Clubs in exchange for winger Derek Tallon and defenceman Garland Hubick. Dziadyk drew an assist on the first Winnipeg goal.

In another trade, announced

Wednesday, Cougars sent three players to Kamloops Chiefs in exchange for a defenceman and goalkeeper.

Moving to the Chiefs are centre Ron Poole, 19, and wingers Al McLaren and Brian Day, both 18. Cougars received defenceman Greg Millard 19, and Lloyd Saar, an 18-year-old goalkeeper. Both could be in action Saturday night when Cougars meet Medicine Hat Tigers at 8:30 in Memorial Arena.

Saar saw duty with the Vancouver Nats (now Kamloops) and Vancouver Villars of the B.C. Junior Hockey League last season while Millard was with the Nats.

Poole, in his third season as a Cougar, was the team's second-highest scorer, with eight goals and 12 assists through 21 games.

McLaren, also in his third WCHL campaign, had only two goals and six assists while Day, a graduate of Nanaimo Clippers in the BCJHL, had five goals and two assists in his first 21 games.

On Saturday, Kelly Greenbank and Russ Hall scored for the Clubs in the second period, snapping a scoreless tie.

Doug Wilson put Winnipeg ahead 3-0 with a power-play goal early in the third period before rookie Glen Leedahl, called up from Nanaimo for his first WCHL action, scored a short-handed goal with less than eight minutes remaining.



VIKETTE CAPTAIN Laury Atkinson will be in action this weekend when University of Victoria visits Vancouver to play University of British Columbia in Canada West University Athletic Association basketball. Miss Atkinson suffered knee injury last weekend when Vikettes dropped two close games to University of Saskatchewan Huskies at UVic. Out of action, however, will be UVic's Lorna McHattie, who suffered torn ligaments in her ankle last Friday.

Vital soccer spots on weekend lashup

Victoria's teams in the B.C. Soccer League face important games this weekend, both in league and League Cup play.

On Saturday, Victoria Gorge-Molsons will meet North Shore Paul's at Royal Athletic Park while London Boxing Club will be in Vancouver for a match against University of B.C. Thunderbirds. Both games start at 2 p.m.

Gorge, in a three-way tie for third spot with Paul's and North Vancouver Pegasus, will be trying to keep pace with front-running Vancouver Italia and the surging New Westminster Blues, both winners last weekend.

Boxing Club, which snapped a long scoring slump last weekend, with a 5-1 win over Vancouver Sporting Club at Royal Athletic Park, faces a double target at UBC.

Because a previously scheduled first-round Cup game was postponed last month, Boxing Club and UBC will play Saturday's game both as a league and Cup match.

If the game is tied after 90 minutes, the result will count as a draw in league standings, and overtime will be played to decide which team will move to the second round of Cup play.

Boxing Club lies sixth in the 12-team league, only one point behind Gorge, Pegasus and Paul's.

George Pakos and Bob Bolitho each scored twice for Boxing Club on Saturday and coach Ron Thompson added the other goal. Bill Dixon ruined rookie Kjeld Brodsgaard's bid for his first BCSL shutout by scoring on a penalty kick in the final minute.

In Sunday action on the Lower Mainland, Italia maintained its unbeaten streak by beating Pegasus 3-0; Westminster got two goals from Gary Thompson in leading the second-place Blues to a 3-1 win over Vancouver Olympic Columbian; Paul's were held to a scoreless draw by last-place Greek Olympics.

Italia has 17 points and a game in hand on Blues, who have 14 points from 10 games.

Tom Newman, Sergio Zanatta and Vanni Lenarduzzi scored for the league leaders and goalkeeper

Peter Greco registered his sixth shutout of the season, tops in the league.

Ed Monan scored the other goal for Blues and Chris Marshall allied for the Columbian.

Aging Aussies clout way to Davis win

Australia has regained possession of the Davis Cup, but the ages of the country's veteran tennis stars who produced an impressive victory over the United States probably leaves the Aussies with little hope that they have started on another long reign as cup-holders.

Only the 35-year-old Rod Laver and the 29-year-old John Newcombe were used in the 5-0 rout which ended in Cleveland Monday, but the Aussies could have called on Ken Rosewall (39), Mal Anderson (38) and Tony Roche (28).

It was the first time a U.S. Davis Cup team had been blanked since Rosewall and Lew Hoad combined for a 5-0 triumph in 1956, and it brought Australia even with the U.S., at 23, in the number of Davis Cup victories. U.S. resistance collapsed after the two first singles matches,

drawn-out affairs which went five sets. Newcombe and Laver clinched it with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 doubles victory over Stan Smith and Erik Van Dillen that took only 68 minutes. In the final for-prise-only singles, Newcombe trimmed Tom Gorman, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 and Laver bested Smith 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

In the opening singles, Newcombe prevailed over Smith 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 and Laver rallied to down Gorman 8-10, 8-6, 6-8, 6-3, 6-1.

Count Fleet sired 38 winners

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Count Fleet, the last survivor of the eight Triple Crown winners before Secretariat, died Monday. He was 33. The stallion, who sired 38 stake winners, died of natural causes at the Stoner Creek stud farm in Lexington, where he had stood for 30 years.

Count Fleet won the Triple Crown in 1935. Like Secretariat this year, he took the Belmont Stakes, third leg of the crown, by 25 lengths to complete the achievement.

During his career, he earned \$250,300 in winning 16 of his 21 races. He was unbeaten as a three-year-old, and was retired to stud at the end of that racing season.

Three tied

NFL stays bottled up

Thirteen games last weekend failed to do a thing about unearthing what must be an unprecedented late-season scramble for National Football League playoff spots.

All 26 clubs are within two games of the end of the schedule, only three are yet assured of playoff play and 10 remain with a chance to be one of the other five which will get a chance to try for the Super Bowl.

The only meaningful change December's first weekend brought was to change the Los Angeles Rams from probable to in. The Rams clinched division honors, joining Miami Dolphins and Minnesota Vikings in the assured category.

But things got even tighter among the 10 possibles — five of them winning, three of them losing and two playing to an improbable tie.

It has set up a rousing finish, and a general manager's dream. It is particularly pleasant in the American Conference, which has two undecided three-team divisional races and Buffalo Bills, out-distanced by the Dolphins in the east, still hopeful of grabbing the wild card berth. The Central Divisions has a three-way tie for the lead, Pittsburgh Steelers and Cincinnati Bengals at 8-4 and Cleveland

Browns at 7-3-2. It's almost as close in the Western Division, which now has Oakland Raiders on top with a 7-4-1 slate and a half game ahead of the 6-4-2 Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs.

All three Central Division contenders along with the Raiders have a better percentage but it is still possible for the 7-5 Bills, who have games left against New England Patriots and New York Jets to finish as the second-place club with the best record and thus become the conference's fourth playoff entry.

Cleveland and Oakland appear to have the toughest finishing schedule, and the least chance of the 2-0 winch which will almost certainly be necessary. The Browns host Cincinnati on Sunday and have to end their schedule in Los Angeles. The Raiders are home to Kansas City in a Saturday game, but they have to close it out against Denver, and the vastly-improved Broncos should be able to handle San Diego on Sunday and go into the last game with victory meaning a playoff spot.

The Steelers, who just failed Monday in a furious second-half comeback against the Dolphins which brought them from 3-30 to 26-30, look like an excellent playoff bet. They have lost three in a row, but first-string quarterback Terry Bradshaw came off the injured list Monday to lead that rally and the Steelers will be favored to whip Houston Oilers and San Francisco 49ers in turn.

Win-happy Vikings face truth moment

University of Victoria Vikings, rated one of the most improved teams in the Canada West Universities Athletic Association men's basketball conference this season, will find out this weekend if they're really that good. Vikings, fresh from a pair of victories over Saskatchewan Huskies in their Canada West opening games last weekend at UVic Gym, travel to Vancouver to meet their arch-rivals, University of British Columbia Thunderbirds, Friday and Saturday.

UVic Jayvees and Vikettes also play UBC in Vancouver this weekend. Vikettes dropped a pair of close decisions to Saskatchewan Huskies in Canada West women's opening games last weekend. UVic Jayvees, meanwhile, split a pair of games in Vancouver to leave their exhibition record at four wins and four losses.

Coach Gary Taylor's Vikings had to come from behind to beat Saskatchewan 74-70 Saturday night at UVic. The winners trailed 66-60 with five minutes to go but tied the game by using a full court press.

Jim Duddridge, with 16 points, was the hero. He scored the basket that clinched the win. Freshman Dean Sawyer also was instrumental in the triumph, coming off the bench in the final six minutes and scoring eight points on a perfect 4-for-4 shooting performance from the floor.

Other Vikings hitting for double figures Saturday were Pard Hogewild with 12 points and Gord Hoshal with 10. Bob Thomson with 20 points, Dean Faris with 19 and Roger Gaines with 16 paced Saskatchewan.

Vikings had little trouble with Saskatchewan Friday, winning 81-51 while shooting an excellent

47 per cent from the floor and utilizing a fast break to advantage.

Hogewild paced UVic with 18 points followed by Hoshal with 16, Duddridge with 11 and Tom Holmes with 10. Thomson pumped in 26 points for the Huskies. UVic Vikettes dropped both their games in the second half to Saskatchewan. Friday's score was 52-50. Vikettes closing fast but running out of time. Laury Atkinson with 14 points and Donna Blackstock with 10 led the losers while Karen Kusler scored 21 points for the Huskies.

Vikettes Saturday lost a three-point lead in the last two minutes and dropped a 35-34 decision to Huskies, who were paced by Debbie Brozel's eight points. Rita Clarkson scored 11 for Vikettes. UVic Jayvees played their best

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Big night in spades for LBC

London Boxing Club Seniors ran their undefeated streak to 10 games Monday night by defeating Mike's Sports Shop 60-48 in a senior "B" Men's Basketball League game at Royal Oak Junior High.

The Juniors made it a sweep of London Boxing Club teams by trouncing Arctic Installations 77-44 in another game.

Bob Wylie, with 16 points, and Jim McKay, with 14 paced the first-place Seniors, who led 33-26 at the half. Jim Cunningham of Mike's topped the game's scorers, however, with 17 points.

The Juniors moved into a third-place tie with Mike's by blowing over Arctic with a strong second-half performance. Holding a 31-27 edge at the break, the Juniors outscored Arctic 46-17 in the second half, including a run of 23 points in a row.

Sid Chow and Doug Irving each scored 17 points for the Juniors while Ian Scott's 14 topped Arctic.

LBC SENIORS (60) - Tony Anderson 10, Loris Corlette 4, Dave Wirtanen 10, Rich Connolly 2, Jim McKay 14, Bob Wylie 16, Darrell Glanville 4.

MIKE'S SPORTS (48) - Rob Marshall 2, Jim Cunningham 17, Gary Woodburn 6, Carl Reid 2, Ken Kern 12, Paul Drummond 5, Gary Mitchell 0, Rich Allen 0, Bob McFarland 4.

LBC JUNIORS (77) - Mike Morrill 12, Sid Chow 17, Jim Kupiak 11, Jack Munch, Steve Rothwell 6, Duff McGaghey 14, Doug Irving 17.

ARCTIC INSTALLATION (44) - Ian Scott 14, Al Martyn 3, Jim Neme 2, Hans de Goede 4, Pete Grabowski 8, Mike Metcalfe, Jim Griffin 3, Mike Wallace 10.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
Western Division				
	W	L	T	Pct.
Los Angeles	10	2	0	.318
Atlanta	8	4	0	.294
San Francisco	5	7	0	.238
New Orleans	4	8	0	.137
Central Division				
	W	L	T	Pct.
Minnesota	10	2	0	.318
Detroit	5	6	1	.224
Green Bay	4	6	2	.174
Chicago	3	9	0	.188
Eastern Division				
	W	L	T	Pct.
Washington	9	3	0	.280
Dallas	8	4	0	.250
Philadelphia	4	7	1	.266
St. Louis	3	8	1	.251
N.Y. Giants	2	9	1	.213

THE DECIDERS				
Sunday, Dec. 9	— WASHINGTON at DALLAS	ST. LOUIS at ATLANTA		
Sunday, Dec. 16	— PHILADELPHIA at WASHINGTON	DALLAS at ST. LOUIS	NEW ORLEANS at ATLANTA	

AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
Western Division				
	W	L	T	Pct.
Oakland	7	4	1	.234
Denver	6	4	2	.295
Kansas City	6	4	2	.295
San Diego	2	9	1	.154
Central Division				
	W	L	T	Pct.
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.277
Cincinnati	8	4	0	.277
Cleveland	7	3	2	.200
Houston	1	11	0	.068
Eastern Division				
	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami	11	1	0	.308
Buffalo	7	5	0	.188
New England	5	7	0	.232
N.Y. Jets	4	8	0	.203
Baltimore	2	10	0	.192

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Bird lady keeps vigil every day

Each morning, sharp at 8 a.m., the Bird Lady of Beacon Hill Park makes her contribution to charity.

"This is my contribution," she says, "and I know where it goes."

It goes down the gullets of the horde of gulls that sends out a scream of welcome as she approaches. It's a daily largesse of bread crumbs.

For two years the Bird Lady — who declines to give her name, age or address, except to say its an apartment in a building where her neighbors frown on her feeding birds in the garden — has kept her morning vigil with her friends.

"They're awfully glad to see me and it's not all cupboard love on their part," she says.

As if to prove the Bird Lady right, Billy walks up, almost to the camera lens. He hurt his wing a while back but tender

loving care extra that enables him to get bread rations from the Bird Lady enables him to compete with the healthiest of the flock.

The Bird Lady used to include crows in her circle of winged friends.

"I found special trees with a crotch in them," she explains, "where I could place the food."

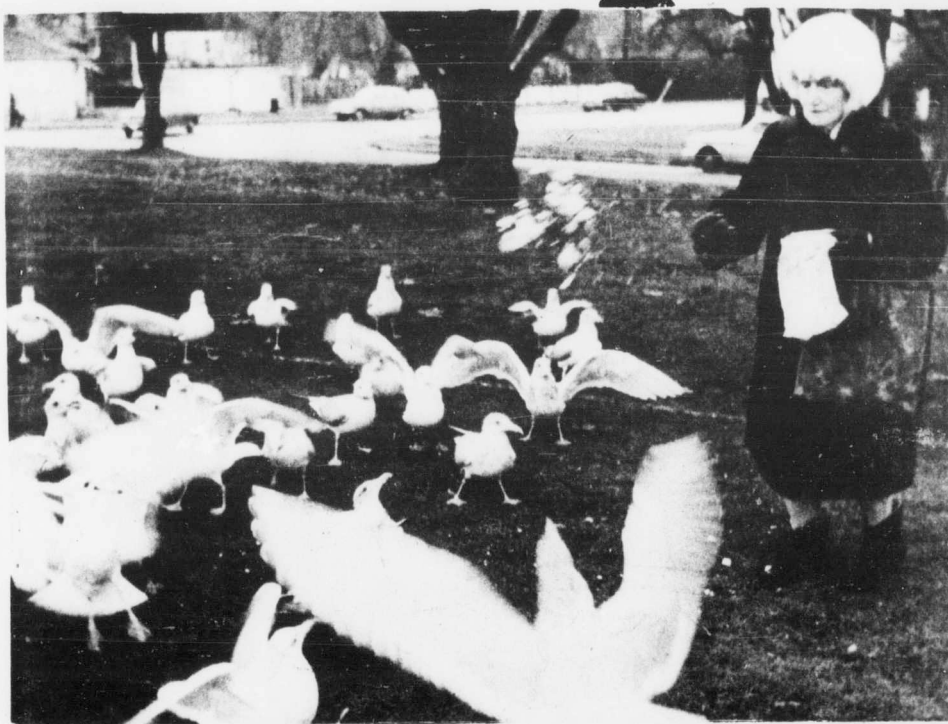
That practice ground to a halt.

"Some one tied a dead crow to the tree. You should have heard the screaming when they found one of their own kind dead."

She tried another tree with the same result.

Breakfast over, the Bird Lady picks up her empty bag and the garden tool she uses to steady herself when the ground is sodden or frozen.

Slowly she leaves, engulfed in a whirl of wings, loneliness the least thing on her mind.



Cougar manure suggested as deer repellent

There's a solution for vegetable gardeners whose crops get nibbled to the ground by deer — cougar manure.

"We've been sitting on this gold mine all the time," joked Saanichton biologist David Hancock.

Hancock's pet cougar Chimo has been producing gold at Island View Beach for nearly four years, he said, and during that time Hancock hasn't seen a deer in the area.

Saanich Peninsula gardeners have been plagued by deer for years, but this year the problem has become critical.

The provincial fish and wildlife department suggests extremely high, and equally expensive fences, or shooting the animals. Other peninsula residents have tried hanging bags of blood in trees, making noises or letting dogs loose in their yards, said Hancock.

Earlier this week some people tried hanging a dead chicken in their garden, he said.

Apparently a hawk attacked the chicken and got tangled in the string which was suspending the dead bird. The hawk also became a dead bird, he said.

But the cougar manure has proven highly successful, he said. "It keeps the deer right away."

Horse manure is full of digested grass and oats which just attracts deer, he said, but cougars are evolutionary predators of deer and a deer

won't go near an area that shows visible or odorous signs of a cougar.

"Just spread it around the yard," Hancock suggested.

Asked how much cougar manure would be needed to repel deer and how long it would last, Hancock replied, "Certainly a bag or two would get you through the season."

But Hancock's cougar would be pretty busy if she supplied all the deer repellent for the Saanich Peninsula.

Hancock said manure could be shipped from Sequim, Washington state's Olympic Game Farm where the animals for Walt Disney Productions are kept.

There are 40 cougars over there producing solutions to the peninsula deer problem each day, he said.

John Zacharias, of the provincial department of agriculture, field crop branch, agrees horse manure attracts deer.

Asked if cougar manure would be a good fertilizer, Zacharias said the government had no information on the substance but "any animal manure is a good fertilizer."

Manure contains varying amounts of nitrogen, phosphate and potash which improve the organic quality of the soil, making it easier to work, said Zacharias.

He does have one question about the use of cougar manure — "How do you collect it?"

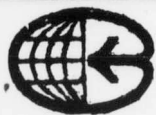
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Boat dealers hit by fuel pinch



Dave Brownell, Dusty Moreau sell boats at cost at World of Pleasure

The U.S. energy crisis is bedeviling the Victoria boat industry.

The squeeze being felt by local builders and dealers is expected to result in scarcities and soaring prices on new stocks.

Canoe Cove Yachts of Sidney, whose 32 to 53-foot power cruisers are famous on this coast, has already had its resin quotas cut back to 1972 levels.

Resin, derived from petroleum, is in short supply, and makers of fiberglass hulls are hustling to get what they can.

"We're up in the air. We don't know what's going to happen," assistant sales manager Stephen Wurster said. "We're having trouble with supplies of other things from all over the world particularly engines."

Many Canoe Cove boats are shipped to affluent Japanese and these shipments are being threatened.

"Our exporting to Japan is threatened," Wurster said. "The Japanese freighter line that ships our boats has had its fuel quota cut from 50 million tons to 20 million tons."

World of Pleasure Ltd. specializes in Reinell power

cruisers, ranging from 16 to 24 feet in length.

"Because of the resin shortage," salesman Desmond Taylor reported, "the output of the factory in Marysville, Wash., has been cut 45 per cent."

As of Feb. 5, Taylor said, prices will be bumped a gigantic 58 per cent for the same reason.

"Boats will be scarce and prices are going to hit the market pretty bad," Taylor said.

Taylor said the Reinell company has promised to supply dealers with quotas in the spring equal to every boat purchased in the fall. "We bought a whole slew of them and we're selling them off at cost just to make sure we have a good supply later."

But, he admitted, the next supply will hit the boat buyer's pocket book hard.

Malcolm Hodgins, president of Marine Park Yacht Sales in Sidney, reported notification from various ship builders that they are experiencing a "critical shortage" of resin.

All manufacturers predicted some reduction in output, he said. Morgan Yachts of Florida announcing a 10 per cent price increase, effective next month.

Some are expected to reduce the amount of resin used in the hulls.

The one bright spot on the marine scene is that owners of second-hand fiberglass boats will be getting better prices when they sell.

"I sold a really beat-up old Cal 20 for \$4,200 the other day," Hodgins said.

The energy crisis is also hitting

stores that specialize in boat supplies.

Dave Lopatecki of Bosun's Locker on Johnson says the hardest-hit item to date is marine stoves.

"We've been waiting to get them from Seattle for four months," he said. "The slowdown there is caused by the drastic cut of electricity in the plants."

It's too early yet for the full impact to be felt but other items will be on the scarce list within months.

Boat fittings from fuel-starved Holland will be harder to get. Wet weather gear from Sweden can be expected to become more of a rarity.

Even painting a boat's bottom will become a challenge, with oil-based paints falling victim to the energy squeeze.

Coking coal on way

Competitively priced coking coal now is moving from Western Canada to steel markets on the U.S. and Canadian east coast.

McIntyre Porcupine Mines Ltd. has just completed moving coal from Smoky River, Alta., through the Panama Canal to Bethlehem Steel Corp. at Sparrows Point, Maryland.

Shipments have also been made to the U.S. Steel Corp. at Gary, Indiana, and to Steel Co. of Canada Ltd. in Hamilton, Ont.

The shipments — about 300,000 tons — indicate Western Canadian coal now is competitive in price and quality with the steel company's traditional Eastern and U.S. supplies.

Pleasure boat owners get boot from Sidney

Owners of pleasure boats moored at a fishermen's wharf in All Bay in Tsehum Harbor have until Dec. 7 to remove them, Sidney Mayor Stan Dear said.

The deadline was set earlier this week when a delegation from Sidney's fishermen committee met with members of the town council to discuss problems at the wharf.

Last year, at the request of the fishermen, Sidney obtained a three-year lease on the wharf from the federal government.

A number of fishermen attended a council meeting Nov. 26 and complained of the pleasure boats occupying moorages which they said should be used by fishing vessels.

At this week's meeting council agreed on the Dec. 7 deadline.

Sidney Town Clerk Jeff Logan said registered letters have been sent to the pleasure boat owners, all from Greater Victoria, informing them of the deadline.

If the owners fail to respond to the order, he said, Canoe Cove Marina will be asked to remove the boats and store them.

Council would need to authorize the marina to tow each boat, said Logan.

Canoe Cove Manager Sam

Vennard said, "I think I want to assure myself of the legality of this thing first."

Vennard said he has received only one call from the town hall asking if the towing services were available and if Canoe Cove has the space to store them.

Towing would require two men and the marina's tugboat, he said, and the charges would be about \$20.

Monthly dry-land storage charges are 10 cents a foot, he said adding "I understand there are three really big ones."

Moving the boats onto the land is "touchy," he said, and Sidney council has not indicated who would be responsible for possible damage, said Vennard.

"I'd want it in writing," he said.

Logan said the federal government has promised additional floats for the fishermen and has indicated dredging will begin soon.

At the same meeting council agreed to write to the federal government, asking for permission to park cars on the wharf.

Under the government regulations, parking on the wharf is prohibited. Cars are permitted, only to unload or load passengers and goods.

Bill proposes U.S. site near border

Superport bid next year

A member of the Washington State legislature will present a bill next year to permit establishment of a supertanker deepwater port in Puget Sound, near the Canadian border.

The port, if approved, would permit the unloading of crude oil from supertankers and a massive expansion of refineries.

However, Gov. Dan Evans said he will oppose the bill. Evans said Washington State has all the refineries it needs and it made no sense to refine gasoline and other products thousands of miles away from the proposed market.

The bill will be presented in January by Rep. Robert Perry (Democrat-Seattle).

It will propose a deepwater port and expansion of refineries in the area from Anacortes to the Canadian border, including the Cherry Point strip.

The refined products would be shipped by pipeline to Chicago and other mid-west markets.

Perry argued that Cherry Point is suitable for superport development and has space for additional refineries. The proposal is being criticized sharply by Washington State environmental groups which, earlier this year, predicted that applications for about 10 additional refineries of the size of the Arco operation at Cherry Point would be made shortly after the Alaska pipeline was approved.

The Perry bill is seen as the opening round in the campaign by various industrial groups to win approval for refinery expansion.

Washington state leaders are trying to assess the strength of the Perry forces, and views are mixed about the bill's chances for success.

The Washington Environmental Council is concerned that the bill may get fairly wide support because of scare stories about a fuel shortage.

One Washington State observer said that six months ago the bill would not have rated a second glance, but the energy crisis improves its chances for success with every day. By the time it comes up for debate, Washington will have gone through a rugged winter of gasoline and electricity shortages.

If it passes the house, it then goes to the state senate. The governor said he would oppose

the bill in the early stages but did not indicate his course of action should it pass both the senate and house.

Evans said Washington State was looking for non-polluting industries that would provide jobs but refineries provided few jobs and were a hazard to the environment.

In addition, it made sense to build refineries near large centres of population. It was easier to transport large amounts of crude oil to the main markets than to ship the various products over long distances.

The Seattle Area Industrial Council is expected to be a major supporter of the Perry bill. The council has urged expansion of various industries to provide jobs for workers in the region.

A superport at Cherry Point would be able to handle supertankers of more than 400,000 tons. Tankers now bringing crude oil to Cherry Point are in the 70,000 tons range, while the ones carrying crude oil from Vancouver to the eastern seaboard are 30,000 tons.

The present Cherry Point tankers carry about half a million barrels of oil. A single

supertanker can carry more than six times as much or considerably more than 3 million barrels of crude oil.

At least six refineries the size of Arco at Cherry Point would be required to process shipments of that size.

First hearings into the proposal will be held by the house transportation committee in Olympia. Perry is chairman of the committee. If it passes the committee it must then get approval of the state House of Representatives.

A major battle would likely then develop as to which committee in the state senate it would be referred to. The senate transportation committee and the senate ecology committee would both have a claim on it. The bill would get a rougher ride in the ecology committee.

In Victoria, David Anderson, provincial Liberal leader, said

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Black Monday causes shock

Oil uncertainty touched off early-week plunge on market

Victoria stock brokers this week were trying to piece together the Toronto Stock Exchange disaster known as Black Monday. Industrial stock prices fell on a broad front as the first effects of New York's panic selling spread to Canada.

"This is emotional selling," one Victoria broker said. "It is panic beginning to spread."

Another broker said the Canadian economy is basically stronger at this time than the U.S. economy and Canadian stocks should hold up better.

Both of them were startled by the heavy selling and falling prices in Monday's trade.

In Vancouver, one industry spokesman said the decline was partly due to a news item on the Dow Jones wire Monday stating that the British Columbia government planned to end all tax concessions for industry.

The report was based on a speech in Mackenzie, B.C., by Premier David Barrett, who is on a tour of central and northern sections of the province.

Barrett's statement in the mill-worker town was in response to a question from the audience about the burden of school costs on property owners while big companies were granted tax concessions.

Barrett told the meeting that all tax concessions would end for private and crown companies. The statement was intended to apply only to the matter of municipal taxation as it related to school costs. But at some point it was interpreted and the Dow Jones wire sent the bulletin across Canada that all tax concessions would end in B.C.

Shares in B.C.-based companies began to fall immediately and added to the gloomy price picture in Monday's trading. Some of the value of B.C. companies was expected to be restored before week's end, following the

clarifying statement about the government's intentions.

But the Canadian market remains in weakened condition, due mainly to concern about energy shortages in the United States and eastern Canada.

While Canada remains in a stronger position than the U.S., the Canadian branch plant economy will inevitably respond to cutbacks across the border. And the Toronto market seems unable to resist downward pressures on Wall Street.

In the United States, brokers are even more gloomy than their Canadian counterparts.

"This thing (the decline) is going to continue," one predicted. "I warned my people (customers) two months ago but nobody listened to me. Well, it's happening now. And it's going to continue all winter."

He said bargain hunters would probably start buying up stocks about February or March.

Main cause of concern is the oil shortage which is having an ever-widening impact on the North American economy. Industries are beginning to cut back production to conserve fuel. The plastics industry is facing a shortage of petrochemicals, its basic ingredients. Layoffs are expected in Detroit.

Transportation companies below the border are trying to get guaranteed supplies of fuel to maintain full schedules. Some airlines have already laid off employees. United Airlines was the first to announce major cutbacks and the company plans a further layoff just before Christmas.

While Canadian transportation companies have sufficient supplies of oil, international flights are beginning to be hampered by an inability to fuel up in other countries. Major casualties over the winter will be flights to Hawaii and other winter vacation grounds. Air Canada has also had to curtail some flights to London on a temporary basis.

Inside Canada, supplies of petroleum products should be adequate although there remains the problem of delivering enough heating oil to the eastern seaboard. Extension of the Trans-Canada Pipeline from Sarnia, Ont., to Montreal, by the end of 1975, will solve the problem over the long term but Quebec faces two winters of uncertain supplies before that time.

The other major factor pushing down on the stock market is the revival of the belief that North America is heading into a recession next year.

The idea originated during the

summer and prices started to sag. Then growing confidence restored the Dow Jones index to a level just below 1,000 before recession talk began again.

The difference now is that talk is of a severe recession rather than a minor one, with the petroleum shortage adding to the difficulties.

The oil shortage is also severely affecting the economy of Japan and western Europe, two major purchasers of Canadian goods. British Columbia in particular is vulnerable to world market conditions because much of its lumber and copper production is exported.

While Canada, and western Canada in particular, has a stronger economy at this time than most of the western industrialized nations, it will be under severe pressure because of recession influence from the United States, Japan and western Europe.

Food prices decline

OTTAWA — Although wholesale food prices fell in October, Statistics Canada reports that the costs of industrial raw materials and manufactured goods have risen.

The wholesale price index was reported up nine-tenths of one percent. The over-all price index, at 404.3 compared to its 39 base of 100 was 26.8 per cent higher than a year earlier, the report said.

Vegetable products declined five-tenths of one per cent and animal products dropped 1.5 per cent in October, but they are higher over the year.

The only decline in industrial commodities was six-tenths of one per cent for wood products, which were still up 11.1 per cent from a year earlier.

Mining to level off in '74

Mining production in British Columbia will level off in 1974 and no major new mines will be developed, B.C. mines department predicted this week.

"Increased quantity of production in 1974 is not anticipated," says the government report.

"Only one new mine opened in 1973 and currently no major mines are in development stage."

The estimates show a 55.8 per cent increase in the value of mineral production in 1973 over 1972 with total value estimated at \$993 million compared with \$637 million last year.

This will be the 12th consecutive year that production value records have been broken.

With production levelling off,

any further increase in the value of production next year will depend on "the continuation of current high metal prices and the economic well-being of mineral consuming nations, notably Japan," the report says.

Most of the increase this year is due to large increases in the quantity and value of copper and to increases in the price of coal, zinc, gold and silver.

The value of all metals mined in B.C. is expected to increase to \$701 million in 1973, up 88 per cent from \$372 million in 1972.

Fuels will increase in value about 11 per cent to \$191 million compared with \$170 million in 1972.

Structural materials, such as cement and gravel, are expected to rise 6.5 per cent in value, from \$67 million in 1972 to \$71 million this year.

Industrial minerals will likely jump to \$30 million, up 17 per cent from \$26 million.

During the fall session of the legislature the government was attacked by Social Credit and Liberal members who charged the administration with creating a climate of uncertainty in B.C. which is seriously hampering mining production.

Opposition members claimed mining exploration in the province had declined drastically since the NDP took office 15 months ago.

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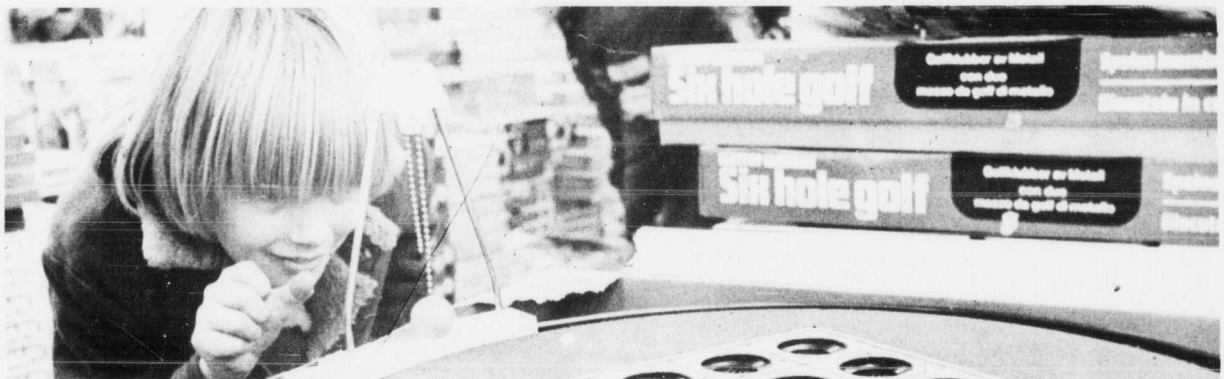


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Doctor payments rise 12 per cent

Doctors in B.C. were paid \$153 million by the provincial government last year — an increase of 12 per cent over the previous year — but a spokesman for the doctors said the increase didn't even cover the cost of inflation.

Financial statements of B.C. Medical Services Commission

for the fiscal year ending March 1973 show that one doctor earned \$172,427 in that period. The lowest payment to a doctor was \$538. The highest payment listed was \$1,260,454 to a group of 34 physicians.

The total amount paid to B.C. doctors that year was \$153,452,505 compared with

\$137,323,390 in the previous year.

The 12 per cent over-all increase in fee payments, compared with a 7 per cent increase the previous year, is "very low," said Dr. E. C. McCoy, executive director of B.C. Medical Association.

McCoy stressed that the figure includes a three per cent increase in population as well as a five per cent yearly increase in the number of doctors in B.C.

"And certainly there is always an increase in the amount of utilization," he said. "So it's not increasing to keep up with inflation."

"I think the government and citizens should be pretty happy with their medical position in comparison with other parts of the world," said McCoy.

The actual increase in fee rates during the 1972-73 year was between six and six and a half per cent, McCoy said, "so it's no increase when you have to eat and live."

Dr. L. C. Ireland, president of the Victoria Medical Society, said the 12 per cent figure is "surprisingly low."

Besides increases in the

population and the number of doctors, advances in medical science add to costs because "more people with more illnesses" can be treated, Ireland said.

Along with increased diagnosis, he said, people are using health services more with the encouragement of government.

"So we've got all those reasons and we still haven't included inflation, when doctors have a wide variety of salaries and costs to pay," said Ireland.

Ireland used the example of the doctor who runs a lab and is listed with a gross income of \$172,427.

The doctor probably has to pay salaries to a staff of six to 10 people, rent a large lab and make payments on a "huge" capital investment in medical equipment, he said.

The average net income of a Victoria doctor with a lab is about \$30,000 and that doctor is probably no different," Ireland said.

The financial statement also shows the total cost of operating the medical insurance scheme during 1972-73 was \$160,772,642, including \$7,320,137 in administration cost.

Income of the commission from premiums, investment sources and provincial and federal government grants totalled \$166,876,394, leaving a \$6,103,752 surplus.

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He'd merge Socred way

If Opposition Leader Bill Bennett has anything to say about it, the only merger of free enterprise political parties in B.C. which takes place will have to be under the banner of the Social Credit party.

Bennett, holding his first press conference since being elected Socred leader at the party's Vancouver convention two weeks ago, said he is continuing to extend an open invitation to members of the Liberal and Progressive Conservative parties to join forces with the Socreds — but on Social Credit

terms. The 42-year-old son of former premier W. A. C. Bennett said the Social Credit party has now clearly established itself as the party of the future in B.C., and the only realistic alternative to the socialist policies of the New Democratic Party government.

Bennett said his personal election in the South Okanagan by-election — which led to the retirement from politics of former Conservative leader Derril Warren — and the strong showing by the Socreds at their

convention has established his party as the most logical to defeat the NDP in a provincial election.

As for the initial show of support given the Majority Movement — a proposed fourth free enterprise party — Bennett attributed the capacity crowd at a recent Vancouver MM meeting to "curiosity" and said he believes it is not the Majority Movement's intention to exist separately from the other parties.

He said he expects Majority Movement supporters will back Social Credit candidates in a provincial election.

Bennett also said he was "very pleased" at the announcement from North Vancouver District Mayor Ron Andrews that he would seek the Social Credit nomination for the upcoming North Vancouver-Capilano by-election to fill the seat vacated by the retired David Brousson.

He said Andrews is indicative of the type of candidate who is making himself available for the Social Credit cause, unifying free enterprise voters.

Curtis seeks group changes

Mayor Hugh Curtis of Saanich will make a submission to the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities on restructuring the organization.

He told council this week he is concerned that provincial municipal organizations such as the Union of B.C. Municipalities should be more closely coordinated with the CFMM national group as local powers and responsibilities change.

Six refit jobs line up

Six ships will shortly arrive at Yarrow's Ltd. in Esquimalt to undergo major refits and several others are expected at the yard for minor repairs.

Manager D. W. Challinor said the Esquimalt Graving Dock will just have completed a \$1 million refit of the P and O liner Arcadia when it will be filled Friday with the 640-foot Australian freighter Allunga. She will be in for seven or eight days for minor repairs.

Challinor said the Allunga is a specially designed freighter, known as a rolloff-rollback ship. "This type of ship is designed so there is no manhandling of cargo needed. It has a giant ramp which can be lowered to the deck and there are also ramps between each deck. Trucks can drive, through use of the ramps, to where the cargo is loaded or unloaded by forklifts," he said.

Challinor said the next ship to undergo a major refit at Esquimalt will be the 940-foot American container ship Sealand Commerce which will be in Dec. 23 for about 17 days. One of the main items of work will be to correct a special problem the ship is having with its tail-shafts.

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Barrett warns industries:

Easy tax days over

All tax concessions given by municipalities to industries will be cancelled by the end of this year, Premier Barrett indicated last weekend.

In a speech at Mackenzie as part of a tour of northern B.C., Barrett said legislation would be introduced at the next session of the legislature to begin redistribution of the municipal tax load so corporations and businesses paid more.

Removal of tax concessions to industries would be the first step, he said, and this should come

later this month. He did not give details as to how this would be done, but other sources indicated the only possible way without legislation would be to amend the letters patent of the municipalities.

Opposition party spokesmen say the scheme as announced by Barrett is to vague to comment on.

The statement by Barrett is believed to have stemmed from a possible appeal last year by Columbia Cellulose against its

assessment for its Prince Rupert pulp mills. The appeal was later dropped when the company was taken over by the government.

The mills are assessed at about \$30 million for tax purposes, and the difference in taxes to the city could have been as much as \$800,000 if the appeal had gone ahead and succeeded.

Both Barrett and Resources Minister Robert Williams have repeatedly said they do not feel industries and business are paying their fair share of the municipal tax load.

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Papa charges about-face

Deputy Recreation Minister Lloyd Brooks was accused by a local conservationist this week of making an about-face when he supported turning 3,100 square miles along the western coast of Canada and the U.S. into an international park.

"Brooks called a similar proposal 'utter nonsense' back in Nov. 1971 and he seems to have changed his mind," charged Norm Wright, prior to today's public hearing on park recommendations to the International Joint Commission.

Brooks, a member of the Canadian sub-committee of the commission — set up to investigate measures to alleviate problems in existing Point Roberts because of the international boundary — had objected to a federal proposal to change the Strait of Georgia into a marine park, said Wright.

"Then he objected to it on the grounds that it wasn't feasible economically and intertidal waters came under provincial jurisdiction."

That proposal, said Wright, takes in some of the same area in the present park proposal — the area south of Nanaimo to Whidbey Island, south of Seattle.

"Now he's subscribing to a proposal that isn't even a Canadian proposal and does not even contain the protective measures written into the other plan."

"This kind of recommendation is a matter of policy that would have to come from the political boss — the minister — and I want an answer from him whether or not he sanctions this proposal," said Wright, a resident of the Gulf Islands and former student council president at University of Victoria.

The subcommittee, including equal representation from Canada and the U.S., was asked to advise the commission on

problems created or magnified by the presence of an international boundary of Point Roberts.

"The only solution they came up with was to establish an international park with the headquarters of the joint park authority at Point Roberts," said Wright.

"There's no mention of the residents of Point Roberts, but they do mention charging admission fees for entrance into the international park," he added.

Wright planned to continue criticism at today's public hearing which starts at 11 a.m. at the Newcombe auditorium.

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Councillor Lavinia Greenwood voted against the motion.

"This to me is not a need but a convenience," she said of a day care centre.

The college has other building needs more urgent than that of a day care facility, she added. Dr. Philip Ney said that a day

care centre could give women trapped at home with children a chance to get off welfare and learn a skill so they could become independent.

Walter Donald supported Ney, saying he had changed his mind on the subject and now feels provision of day care at the college is necessary.

Not only will it give women a chance to earn the certificate or diploma they need to get a job, but the centre could be the basis for a course in being better parents, he said.

Three Grits aim at byelection

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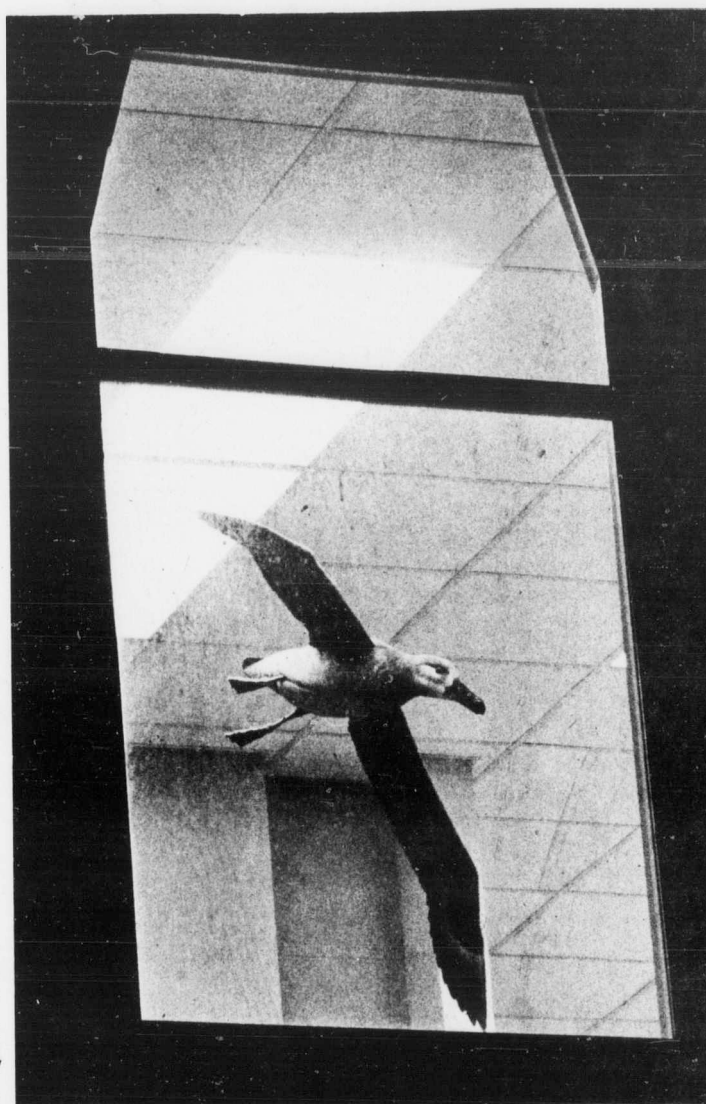
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Former B.C. Progressive Conservative party president Peter Hyndman and NDP party member Diane Baigent have already been nominated by their parties to run in the byelection which will fill the seat vacated by Liberal Dave Brousson, who resigned during the fall session of the legislature.



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New rules thwart builders

Aldermen deadlocked on policy

When City Hall presents builders and developers with a whole new set of regulations, should it insist on immediate compliance - even in well-advanced projects where the plans were shaped around an earlier set of rules?

The question sparked sharp disagreement this week at city council's zoning committee, with Mayor Peter Pollen demanding strict enforcement in all cases and three aldermen arguing that such a policy was unfair to the builders concerned.

The argument centred on the case of a small building firm which in recent weeks has found itself snarled in a revised city policy on parking requirements for new condominium construction.

Builder Ronald Annett had his plans for a 12-unit condominium at 1625 Belmont approved by all city departments on the basis of rules then in force - stipulating 100 per cent parking provisions (the same number of parking spaces as apartment suites).

But he never received his building permit because meanwhile council and city staff had started to study what extra parking requirements should be demanded from builders, in an effort to free vehicle-clogged streets around apartment buildings.

Amid general talk of a 150 per cent parking capacity for all new condominium construction, council turned down Annett's application two weeks ago on grounds that the proposed parking was inadequate.

But the vote was split 4-4, with Ald. Percy Frampton absent through illness.

Appealing that decision this week, Annett wrote pointing out that refusal would mean the loss of almost a year's work, plus the \$2,700 he has paid for plans and mortgage application fee.

When he purchased the property, he said, he knew a rental block would not pay for the high cost of the land. He had co-operated fully with all city departments, including the traffic department which signed the plans as meeting the parking requirements.

"How can I carry on business if the rules are changed when I should be ready to proceed? I am perfectly willing to abide by all guidelines if I know them

at the start of a project," Annett's letter said.

Ald. Sam Bawlf said in view of the builder's "limited set of economics," and the fact that he had complied with earlier parking requirements, he should be allowed to proceed.

Pollen retorted: "What you're really saying is that we recognize 100 per cent parking isn't enough . . . but the fact that he (Annett) is meeting only the minimum requirement is really not his responsibility?"

"I really can't understand this rationale. Is there no responsibility on the part of the builder to ensure he has adequate parking? There is surely a greater community interest here. Are we not supposed to be protecting the community?"

Bawlf replied that he couldn't

see how council would be protecting the community in relation to the small number of suites involved, "by putting this chap out of business."

Bawlf said council had been "derelict" over the past three years in not tackling the apartment parking problem, and Annett shouldn't have to pay the penalty of that indecision.

Ald. Alf Hood and Ald. Clyde Savage supported his motion to recommend approval of the building permit, after Pollen could find no seconder for an amendment which would have referred the matter to council without recommendation.

Earlier, again with the lone opposition of the mayor, the committee referred to the Advisory Planning Commission a staff proposal to increase condominium

parking requirements from 100 per cent to 130 per cent for medium density apartment developments and to 140 per cent for highrise and townhouse developments.

Hood said an across-the-board application of parking requirements would be unfair, as parking needs in certain areas and for certain types of apartment construction were far less than in others.

But Pollen argued against any delay, saying imperfect rules were better than virtually no rules at all. Victoria had lagged behind neighboring municipalities and those in Greater Vancouver which had applied far more stringent parking requirements, he said.

He said he had spent the weekend on his bicycle "riding around like a madman" to several of

the major apartment complexes in the city, finding in every case that the parking lots were full and the streets jammed with cars.

His voice raised in anger, the mayor added:

"Other than the Safeway stores I get more letters on this subject than on any other. We have the same parking requirements we had four years ago but the car population is soaring."

School budget unit 'too low'

Greater Victoria school board chairman Peter Bunn has labelled as "totally insufficient" a unit value for 1974 school board budgets announced by Education Minister Eileen Dailly.

The 1974 instructional unit - the basic unit used to calculate school board budgets - will be worth \$16,900, Dailly announced.

This figure is an 8.89 per cent increase over last year's value of \$15,520, and is the largest-ever single increase.

"In no way is it sufficient," said Bunn.

"It's not enough to absorb the impact of teachers' salaries, CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) salaries and the rate of inflation," he said.

In announcing the instructional unit value for 1974, Dailly acknowledged that the increase is not enough for some boards.

She said the government is committed to easing the budget squeeze on boards in the next few months.

As a first step, a task force under Associate Deputy Minister of Education Jack Fleming will be formed to

examine the whole school budgeting formula, she said.

Dailly said she fully realized that the increase in the instructional unit value "will not fully meet the needs of the boards of school trustees to cover inflationary costs and the increased services they wish to provide without causing a dramatic increase in local school taxes."

Bunn said that this is certainly true of the Greater Victoria board.

The board this fall unanimously approved a provisional operating budget 18 per cent higher than that of 1973.

This provisional budget cannot nearly be covered by the budget calculated according to the instructional unit, Bunn said.

Unless some special government assistance is forthcoming, the school board must either trim its provisional budget back to fit the smaller instructional unit budget, or else raise the excess completely through local taxes.

Bunn said he is also afraid all the good programs and improvements included in the

provisional budget will be gobbled up by teachers' salary increases.

"It's the teachers versus the kids; who gets the bigger slice of the pie?" he asked.

Bunn said he expects an arbitration board later this month will give Greater Victoria teachers an 11 per cent salary increase over their 1973 salaries.

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Jazz sound swells from combo

Anything calling itself "the world's greatest" is apt to raise some doubts, but there is no reason to think the little group that appeared Sunday at the Royal Theatre is anything less than it claims.

Brought here by Victoria Symphony Orchestra as the second of four events in its midwinter special series, The World's Greatest Jazzband is purely, simply and (to jazz buffs delightfully, just that.

Thinking back to the days of jazz and the "big bands," it comes as something of a surprise to discover that here are just eight musicians.

In no particular order, they

Yule funds still open for donors

Donations to the Colonist 500 Fund may still be sent in to The Daily Colonist office despite the current labor dispute which has interrupted publication of the newspaper.

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Readers who wish to support the fund may send their donations to the Colonist office, 2621 Douglas, or take them to Avis Rent-A-Car at Quadra and Pandora or 634 Humboldt.

Readers who wish to continue their donations to the Unitarian Service Committee Canada-wide fund for assistance to Bangladesh, South Vietnam and Southern Africa may send contributions to P.O. Box 300 or to Greater Victoria area branches of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Runyon color gets splash at McPherson

The colorful characters of Damon Runyon's New York of the 1940s have been brought skilfully to life at McPherson Playhouse this week by Victoria Operatic Society in the musical Guys and Dolls.

And this must be one of the better efforts of VOS, which has brought to many good musical shows to Victoria.

Stage director Ted Gaskell has made the most of his fine cast and material as has musical director Howard Denike. The latter is also fortunate in having for this show a good men's chorus - something not always easy to find.

Indicative, too, of the quality of the work that goes on backstage and before production was the spontaneous applause that greeted the sewer scene set in the second act, a well-deserved tribute to designer Doreen Massam and construction chief George Massam and their crews.

While it might seem invidious to pick out particular cast members, with so many in smaller roles contributing excellent characterizations, four deserve special mention - and they are the principals.

The four are Barry Grimshaw as Sky Masterson, inveterate gambler; Marilyn MacKenzie as Sarah Brown, the Save-a-Soul Mission girl with whom Sky falls in love; Sandi Adam as Miss

are a pianist, a trumpeter, a saxophone-clarinetist, a tenor saxophonist, a trombonist, a bass (fiddle that is), a drummer and a vocalist-banjoist.

Among them, they weave the musical magic that probably came out of Africa originally, and spread through New Orleans and Chicago. They run through a chorus in which the melody is strong, then play intricate games all around that melody.

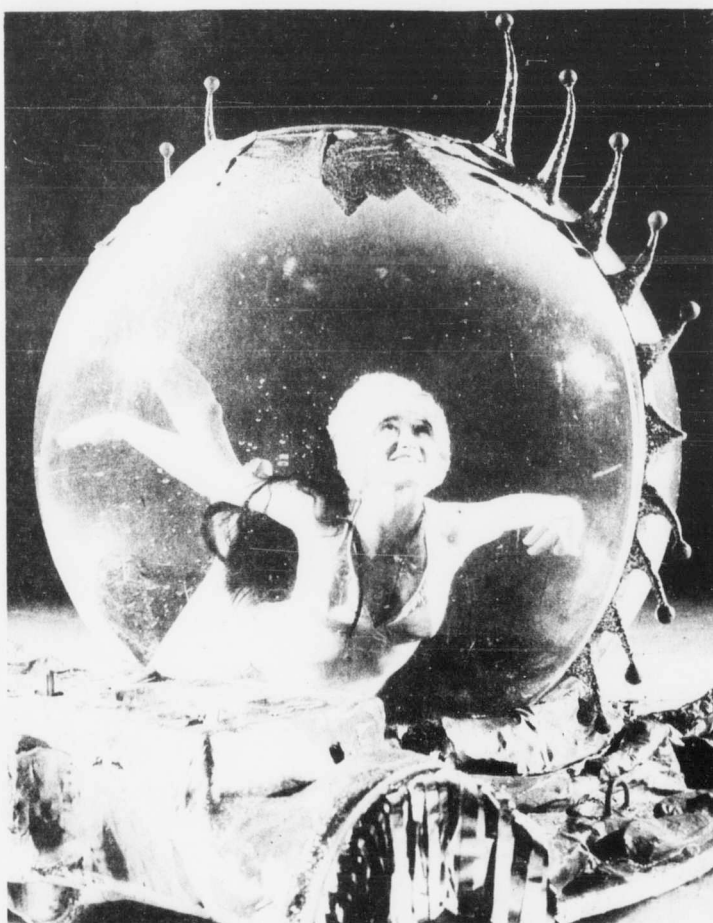
No doubt it's all carefully rehearsed (for this tour, anyway) yet one has the feeling each musician is cutting loose on his own, and wonders how, with such spontaneity, the total blends so well.

The stated program was really no program but an introduction to band members. Selections played were announced by co-leader - trumpeter Yank Lawson - former member of the Bob Crosby, Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman bands.

His partner for more than 30 years is Bob Haggart, bass, also formerly with Crosby and a composer - arranger of note. One of his numbers, Big Noise from Winnetka, is a duet for bass fiddle and drums - and you haven't heard anything till you've heard a drummer like Gus Johnson Jr. ripple out a tune with his sticks on the big bass while Haggart does the fingering.

Johnson has appeared with Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Gerry Mulligan and Woody Herman, while Bud Freeman and his tenor sax played with Ray Noble, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey and his own group.

The rest of this band, all undoubtedly masters of their instruments, are Bob Wilber with the tiny soprano sax and clarinet; Ralph Sutton, solid on piano; Bernie Morton, solid on piano; Henderson band, on trombone, and Nappy Lamarr on banjo.



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Karen fans rush office

Victorians need no second invitation to see work figure-skating champion Karen Magnussen when she stars in Ice Capades from Wednesday, Dec. 12, to Sunday, Dec. 16, at Memorial Arena.

People of this city are, in fact, as proud of her as are residents of her home city of Vancouver. They have indicated this at the arena box office, where the demand for tickets has prompted an extra performance, at 6 p.m. on the final day.

When show officials talk about Karen they tend to shift into superlatives.

Says advance publicist Jacqueline Carroll: "Karen is more than a champion skater. She's one of the nicest people I've ever met, easy to meet, easy to talk with, most interested in all the others. She's terrific."

Not everyone will have a chance to meet the little skater personally, but many are looking forward to seeing the extraordinary talent of this girl whose achievements include the 1972 world championship and no less than 18 first-place awards in skating competitions since 1959.

For youngsters in Greater Victoria aiming at a skating career, Ice Capades will hold auditions at 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, immediately after the evening's performance.

Candidates need not be champions, but must be skaters of superior merit, at least 17 years old, and with a nice appearance.

They are asked to bring their own skates and costumes, and they'll be judged by the Ice Capades coaching staff.

In each 10-month tour, the show travels about 20,000 miles to some 36 cities in Canada and the United States, winding up in Honolulu in May.

In addition to Karen



Ballerin

Magnussen, this edition of Ice Capades includes such skating stars as Julie Holmes, clown Freddie Trenkler, the popular team of Roy and Sandi Wagelein, Billy Chapel, Hans and Pepe (actually Hans Mueller and Darlene Rippe), and Hungarian import Zsu Zsi Almassey.

The show includes eight production numbers, one of which, Atlantis, offers a look into another world which includes a "Neptune Lady" swimming serenely in an eerie plastic bubble.

Energy backlash may dump Grits

OTTAWA — The Liberal government faces another confidence vote Monday night and observers here say the NDP caucus is restless and may vote against the government bringing down the minority administration.

The non-confidence motion will be put forward by Conservative energy critics and the exact framing of the motion will not be known until Friday.

But "hawks" in the NDP caucus are multiplying and (NDP-Skeena) is already predicting a Feb. 11 general election on the assumption that his party will join with the Conservatives to defeat the government.

No official NDP position has been declared but one party

member said this week the NDP could not retain its credibility if they fall back on the stance that they would be irresponsible to defeat the government because important social legislation remains before the house.

"If we did that," he said, "no one would believe us." Several Liberal cabinet ministers, while not accepting inevitable government defeat, acknowledge that this is the most dangerous situation of the session.

The Liberal caucus is having difficulty reaching consensus on a variety of oil and energy matters but government sources said they are scrambling to bring forth new oil policies and announcements before Monday in an attempt to diffuse the situation.

Ringo's new disc provides reunion

Happens every year around this time:

Some of the Beatles prove they are alive and well - and capable of laying down what are still some of the best sounds around. And, funnily enough, the least-respected of the Beatles when they were the chart-topping idols of the world, drummer Ringo Starr, continues to prove he is perhaps the most talented of the quartet.

In fact, his new release, RINGO (Apple SWAL-3413) could serve as a mop-top reunion - featuring, as it does on various tracks, all members of the Beatles, although in none of them all four together; as well as the backup men who made their records what they were, such people as bassist Klaus Voormann and pianist Nicky Hopkins.

Bonus performers include Dave Bromberg, Mill Holland and The Band, who really shine in a country-flavored track called Sunshine Life For Me.

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However, Victoria residents this week could grab two almost-for-free shows - one at Memorial Arena Wednesday night, the other Sunday at the McPherson.

Wednesday's whatever - you can afford for admittance show was a country-oriented spectacular that has been blasting its way across the country starring Dale Evans, wife of one-time movie and TV cowboy star Roy Rogers.

On the same bill was the husband and wife duo of Richard and Patti Roberts, familiar to C and

W TV show addicts for their appearances with Buck Owens and Roy Clark on Tuesday night's Heehaw.

Sponsoring the whole shebang was a British outfit called Bibles for the world which has the grand aim of mailing a copy of the New Testament to everybody in the world who is listed in a telephone directory.

Amazingly, it claims last year to have mailed copies of the Holy Scripture to everyone in India with a telephone - a total of 1,200,000 people. This year's recipients will be residents of Eire and the strife-torn province of Ulster.

Canada's turn for the mass Bible mailing, according to the sponsors of the program, will be in 1981.

The second concert is a little closer to home. It's a benefit to raise funds for the old Chinese Public School on Fisgard, and is in the form of the annual concert by pupils at the school. That one is happening at the

Mac on Sunday at 7:30 p.m., and all it will cost is whatever you feel like giving.

There's not too much good you can say about Winnipeg except that you can get on a train there that will take you to the West Coast.

But one good thing about Winnipeg is the cultural makeup of the city; its multi-racial heritage has imbued it with a throbbing appreciation for song and dance, especially dance.

And that appreciation of dance has been the catalyst which has made the Contemporary dancers of Winnipeg the modern equivalent of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the finest classical troupe in the country.

Even Victorians who think on-stage dancing begins and ends with the pirouettes and pas de deux of a Nureyev or a Fonteyn may have a new world of interpretive dancing opened to them by the performance of such a troupe. It will be at the Mac, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m.

First money given for land project

Payment for the first stage of Greater Victoria's largest-ever residential land assembly project has been made by Housing Minister Lorne Nicolson.

A cheque for \$268,030 has been turned over to Saanich and a further estimate of \$378,850 has been accepted by Nicolson for property still under negotiation for Roy Road housing tracts, Saanich council was told this week.

The undertaking is a joint development of the municipal, pro-

vincial and federal governments to provide individuals with building sites at cost in the Panama Flats-Colquitz River Basin.

Housing administrator Gil Laursen told aldermen the next step is to hire a consulting engineer to plan the subdivision, which will include a second public school site in addition to adjoining Northridge Elementary.

The land is being made available in conjunction with rejuvenation and beautification of the Colquitz River.

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Design defects caused by reduction in size of various components in more compact television models appear to be a major problem, said Richard Armstrong, director of the bureau of engineering sciences of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Armstrong said manufacturers who had notified the commission of a series of defects were Admiral, RCA, Zenith, Wards and Philco-Ford.



COWBOY KING Larry (Bull) Mahan is seen slightly askew on hurricane deck of mean mountain of horseflesh and is equally at home aboard barstool, highflying airplane or in sleek and powerful automobile racing at 100 mph to nowhere.

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GUNN—Suddenly in Victoria on Tuesday, December 4, 1973 after a lengthy illness, Mrs. Annie Gwendoline Gunn, aged 86 years, born in South Tootingham, England and a resident of Winnipeg for 18 years before coming to Victoria in 1920. She leaves 2 sons, Alex and Donald; 2 daughters-in-law, Dorothy and Sarah; 1 grandson William all of Victoria. She was a Past Mistress of the L.O.B.A., a member of Belmont United Church, being a member of the choir for a number of years.

Funeral service in McCall Bros. FLORAL CHAPEL, Johnson and Vancouver Sts. on Friday, Dec. 7 at 1:00 p.m. with the Rev. W. Taylor officiating. Interment at Shady Creek Cemetery, Saanich.

MACLEOD—Roland M. of 501-1420 Beach Drive, Victoria, B.C., born in Malpeque, P.E.I. but was a resident of Winnipeg, Man. most of his life. He was founder and president of Macleod's Ltd. until his retirement to Victoria in 1946. He is survived by his wife Jacqueline Louise at home, a son, Ross E. of The Pas, granddaughter, June Jones of Winnipeg; grandsons, James Macleod of Winnipeg; 2 great-grandsons. He was a member of Victoria Golf Club and Seven Lakes Country Club of Palm Springs.

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Pollen on Express

Mixed feelings

Victoria Mayor Peter Pollen greeted the news of the Victoria Express's arrival with mixed feelings.

He said he'd reserve judgment until after the first edition appears. Reading the two regular dailies, he added, had always left him with a feeling of hope for better things to come.

"It would be great to see an independent little newspaper in the community, rather than a vehicle for the sale of commercial interests," Pollen said.

"On the other hand, perhaps this paper could also strive to serve the inflexible interests of

labor unions which have become too powerful," he added.

Asked whether he misses the two daily newspapers, the mayor said, "Well, that's difficult to say. Do you miss your wife when she's gone for a two-day holiday?"

Pollen did mention a few things he doesn't miss:

"I certainly don't miss the courageous, fearless and intelligent editorial comment."

"And I don't miss the daily account of atrocities, but I do miss the anticipation of potential the two papers have."



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University officials will have to step out from behind a "thicket of committees" and take individual responsibility for making decisions, a member of the provincial government's task force on universities said Tuesday.

He said the task force report did not recommend major changes to the structure of university government because effective decision-making depends more on people than organization.

"We want the decision-makers to become responsible in the true sense of the parliamentary system," said Dr. Walter Young, University of Victoria chairman of political science, and member of the commission to review university government.

"Rather than one man making the decision, and acting responsibly, and saying, 'I did it, and for these reasons,' we've produced a system over the years where no one wants to take responsibility for any decision."

"In the end the problem is referred through a thicket of committees and decisions are being incredibly bogged down," said Young.

The interim report prepared under the chairmanship of B.C.'s education commissioner John Bremer — called a working text — has been strongly criticized by faculty and students mainly in Vancouver who claim its recommendations lack any innovation whatsoever.

Young, however, thinks the report is simply a guideline which offers suggestions and "we're depending on students and faculty members for constructive criticism" at a series of public hearings, the first of which is scheduled for Jan. 11 at UVic.

One structural change recommended is that the board of governors become a board of trustees, responsible as trustees

of public funds. A new UVic senate would consist of 44 members with the university president in the new position of being a voting member.

The senate would be opened up to more student representation — 25 per cent — with administration making up 25 per cent and faculty having 50 per cent representation.

"Most important is that the practice of referring decisions to committees of senate will have to be changed in the minds of the members."

And a proposed Council of B.C. Universities, composed of lay people appointed by government and the three university presidents, will act as an intermediary to the government

and the community, says Young.

He thinks student criticism of the report has been misguided: "They must not understand the workings of a university. Insistence that they should be allowed representation on the board of governors is misguided. In reality students would be bored to tears if they knew what the board does and they had to sit

through it."

One UVic student representative, indicating he'd like the chance to be "bored to tears," feels the essential point of the report lies in the statement: "that lasting change can be assured by modest alterations which encourage new relationships to develop from within."

College rule system hit

Murder hearing starts

An order banning publication of evidence was issued by Judge William Ostler as a preliminary hearing began Tuesday in Victoria provincial court of a capital murder charge against retired Saanich builder Clifford Earle Clark, 66, of 121 Kamloops.

The charge followed the death in hospital Sept. 21 of Mrs. Freda Helen Eveleigh, 56, also a Saanich resident, 11 days after a shooting on the Hillside Plaza parking lot. The hearing was expected to continue Wednesday and Thursday and may not end this week.

A charge of criminal negligence causing death was read Monday before Ostler against Donald William Vodeu, 31, of 2916 Pickford. It resulted from the death of Randolph Jendraschke, 19, of Yorkton, Sask., in a car-truck collision Nov. 25 in Saanich. A hearing date will be set later.

Ostler levied fines of \$500 each for Thomas Andrew Wallace

McNaughton, 43, of 1734 Newton, and John Weaver Hamel, 43, of 2233 Bowker. They were found guilty after trial on a Saanich charge of cheating at play in a five-man dice game in May at a Saanich home.

In traffic court Monday, Joseph James Thomas, 21, of 1489 Admirals, pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving and refusing a breath-test Oct. 10 in Colwood and to charges of dangerous driving and lack of insurance July 21 in Central Saanich.

Judge Harold Alder fined Thomas a total of \$1,050, ruled Thomas must spend 58 days in jail if the fines are not paid "forthwith," and banned him from driving for three years.

Ostler, the senior judge, announced Alder and Judge E. F. N. Robinson of family court will change places Jan. 1. It will be the second routine rotation of the two judges in the last two years.

Tuesday, Ostler set bail at \$3,000 for Vincent Eugene Ryan, 20, of Ottawa, charged by Sidney RCMP Nov. 28 with possession

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Home-owners must give ground

Housing minister urges lifestyle changes

Faced with an increasing shortage of land and a rapidly growing population, British Columbians must make concessions in their lifestyles, provincial Housing Minister Lorne Nicolson believes.

In an interview, the minister of the newly-formed department said "it is physically possible if not always sociologically acceptable" to make the kind of changes necessary to provide dwellings for everyone.

He argued, however, there still is a place for the single family home, even though it may ap-

pear to be an inefficient dwelling unit.

While an increasing proportion of the population is living in multiple dwellings, British Columbians should still have the option to live in their own detached home "in the foreseeable future," he said.

But to protect single-family living, changes must be made. He cited the use of smaller lots and the de-emphasis of roads in residential areas as ways in which detached homes could continue to be built.

While supporting the main-

tenance of the single-family home, Nicolson said single-family zoning should be questioned. "I really wonder what is wrong, for example, in having duplexes in single-family areas," he said.

On the shorter term, Nicolson said efforts are being made to meet the housing shortage in B.C. through all levels of government.

He said municipalities have come to recognize the urgency of the shortage and are making way for more housing, having passed through the phase where municipal councils approached all developers as bad.

At the same time, he said there is a "log jam" of applications for developments in many municipalities caused by hold-ups of rezoning and the issuance

of building permits. He said his department is trying to break up that log jam.

Public housing, Nicolson said, will continue to be a part of the over-all picture in B.C. with an increasing number of people — "not just the poor and the elderly" — being able to turn to direct government rentals.

He said he would like to see "wider integration" of public housing in the community. His department is making a start on this by "picking up the occasional house here and there and making them available as public housing."

Nicolson said he has begun to feel that many of the traditional

complaints against public housing — the conformity of life and the isolation of the residents — are in fact unfounded.

The development of the housing assistance program, by which the government can provide direct assistance to those requiring help, is something he would encourage.

He said the government's policy of opening Crown land for housing has done much for the housing market and he noted housing starts appear to be on the increase in some areas of the province.

"There is, of course, no single panacea to the housing problems we have," Nicolson said. More than one program or one practice will have to be applied.

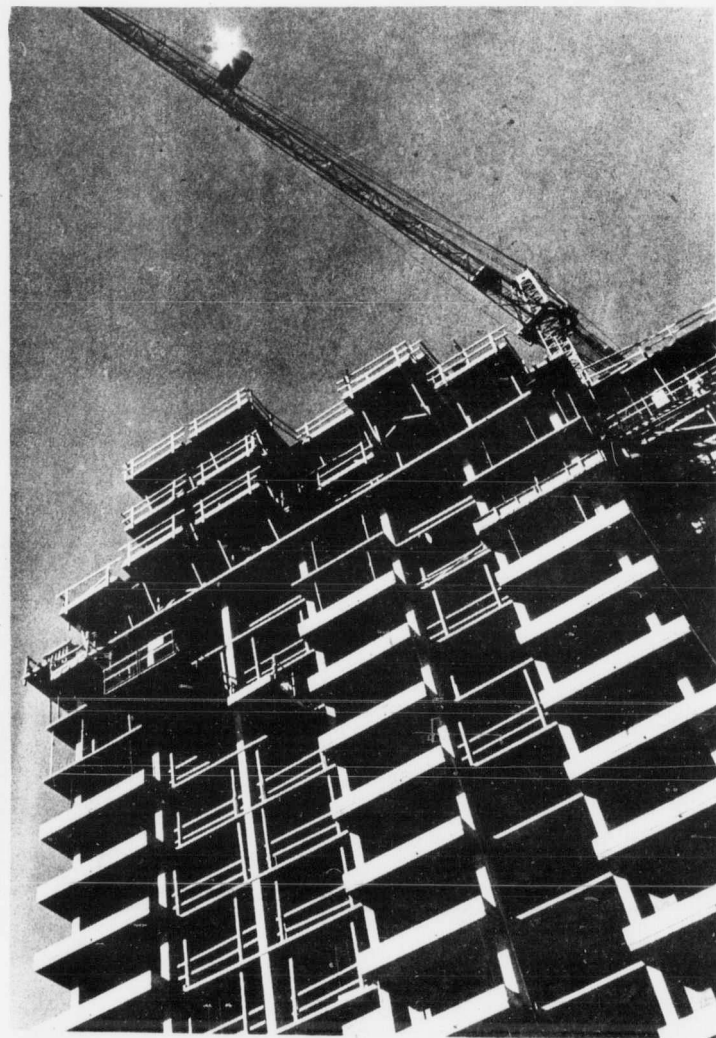
He wondered if the considerable attention paid by the press to the housing shortage has not created "a psychological problem" whereby "we have begun to think the problem is greater than it is."

Crop branch names head

The provincial government has appointed Vernon horticulturist Peter Humphry-Baker as administrator of B.C.'s crop insurance branch.

The branch sets regulations and controls insurance contracts and operating policy for programs covering tree fruits and grapes in the Okanagan, berry crops in the Lower Mainland and grain crops in the Peace River.

Humphry-Baker has been district horticulturist in Vernon since 1967.



TOWERING TRADEMARK of development is Victoria's newest highrise, the Chateau Victoria. Scheduled for completion at the end of March the hotel-apartment complex rises 14 storeys above Burdette Street.

Shingle mill closes doors

MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. has closed permanently its 180-man Red Band shingle mill on the Fraser River in Vancouver.

The closure was announced this week by Jack Forrest, the company's vice-president of forestry and building materials. Forrest said all employees at the mill would be offered jobs at other MacMillan Bloedel operations and that they would retain seniority, vacation credits and benefit plans.

The mill has been down for 18 months by an International Woodworkers of America strike, said Forrest, and this combined with the advanced age of the mill and dwindling markets for shingles has made the operation uneconomic.

"A study of our long-term market for building materials makes it abundantly clear that to achieve full utilization of the available log supply, and maximum economic return from it, we must convert this type of log to lumber and other products rather than shingles," he said. The mill opened in the early 20s and now needs new stacks and motors, he added.

Forrest also said the company's shingle mill at Port Alberni will continue to operate since it is not faced with the same economic pressures and it is processing raw material which is suitable only for shingles.

Saanich denies zoning for vegetable grader

Saanich has rejected a bid by the Island Vegetable Co-Operative Association to construct a 10,000-square-foot grading shed on the northwest corner of Blenkinsop and Mackenzie.

Realtor Fred Sutton appeared at council's regular meeting this week to appeal a planning department recommendation that rezoning of the vacant lot be refused.

Sutton said the concrete-brick structure is planned to replace the association's cramped quarters at 748 Market, Victoria. It would accommodate 12 employees engaged in washing and grading potatoes, carrots, turnips and cabbages grown on the Saanich peninsula.

"We feel our application deserves utmost consideration because of high food prices and shortages of food," Sutton told council. "This is not a commercial operation in the true sense — no processing of any kind."

"Every bit of topsoil on this property was removed some two years ago and replaced with fill unsuitable for farming," Sutton also said the association would plant a screen of "fast-growing" evergreens around the building and would pipe water used for washing to crops in adjacent fields.

Mayor Hugh Curtis said Sutton's "irrelevant comments on the world-wide food shortage" weakened his case.

"And huge volumes of water could be a problem," said Curtis. "At this time of year that particular intersection doesn't need any more water — recycled or otherwise."

Ald. Leslie Passmore said the proposal would be "shot down in flames without a ghost of a chance" if it were put to public hearing. "We'd be wasting our time."

The advisory planning commission recommended rejection because of the lot's proximity to residences; because it is not within a sewer area and

because it lies in an agricultural land reserve area.

After unanimous rejection, Sutton was told by Curtis the municipality would make a special effort to help the

association find a more viable site.

"It's tough to vote against anything to do with agriculture," said Curtis, "but not all agricultural activities are good for all areas. Not a concrete sorting shed some 200 feet long."

Channel 1

Channel One will tell what's doing on TV from issue to issue with The Best and The Rest. The Best on Thursday evening is another run of Search for the Nile at 7 p.m. on Channel 12, the annual Charlie Brown Christmas at 8 p.m. on Channels 7 and 12 and the Laurence Olivier movie The Entertainer at 9 p.m. on Channel 12.

The Rest is led by the Waltons-like drama The House Without a Christmas Tree at 8:30 on Channel 7. As for late shows, try Brando's Viva Zapata at 11 p.m. on Channel 11 or Barbara Stanwyck's chilling Taste of Evil at midnight on Channels 6 and 8.

On Friday, The Best does not include one movie but many regular programs or specials are worth seeing. ABC Matinee, a week-long test run of daytime dramas, ends at 1:30 on Channel 4 with Mask of Love featuring Cathleen Nesbitt. Also in the afternoon, the new Peter Wimsey serial starts its Friday runs at 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Channel 9.

At 8 p.m., Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer is rerun on

Channels 7 and 12 while Seattle meets Los Angeles in NBA Basketball on Channel 11. The Waltons pilot The Homecoming is repeated at 9 p.m. on Channel 12 and rock concerts are at 11 p.m. on Channel 11, 11:30 on 4 (with Cheech and Chong) and 1 a.m. on Channel 5.

As for movies, Channel 2 has the scary Gregory Peck-Robert Mitchum battle Cape Fear at 11:50 p.m.

On Saturday morning and afternoon, The Best is for sports fans. The NFL begins Saturday football with Minnesota at Green Bay at 10 a.m. on Channels 2, 6, 7 and 12 while Kansas City is in Oakland at 1 p.m.

The NHL game at 5 p.m. on Channels 2 and 6 will probably be Pittsburgh at Vancouver and the first Canadian ratings for this season show no NFL games in the top 10 for the first time in history.

Saturday's Channel One will pick up the viewing from the end of the hockey game. And for radio listeners, the Metropolitan Opera and Milton Cross start their 42nd seasons Saturday with Rossini's Italian Girl in Algiers at 2 p.m. on CBU (690).

EX-NIMSICK AIDE GETS POST

Hart Horn, the 38-year-old former executive assistant to Mines Minister Leo Nimsick, has been appointed to a senior civil servant position within the mines department.

Horn is now chief of the mineral revenue branch and will receive an annual salary of \$20,724. As Nimsick's executive assistant he received \$17,000 a year.

Horn will be in charge of the division collecting natural gas and oil royalties and receipts under the new mineral Land Tax Act and will be responsible for mineral royalties when they are introduced by the government next year.

Department officials said this week no appointment has been made for a new executive assistant, a position generally considered a political appointment.

LEAVES FOR QUEBEC SECOND OIL TANKER

A second tanker filled with crude oil has left Vancouver for Eastern Canada.

The ship, Bargaglia, took on in Burnaby 230,000 barrels from Trans Mountain Pipe Line Co.

and will carry it to Quebec City. A spokesman for Trans Mountain said about 20 tankers will move oil from Vancouver to the East during December and January.

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Sansui AU-555A	319 ⁹⁵		239 ⁹⁶	Sansui 350A	419 ⁹⁵		280 ⁰⁰	Akai X201D	529 ⁹⁵		399 ⁰⁰
Sansui AU-6500	379 ⁹⁵		287 ⁹⁶	Sansui 1000X	519 ⁹⁵		391 ⁹⁶	Akai GX260D	799 ⁹⁵		699 ⁰⁰
Sansui AU-7500	519 ⁹⁵		383 ⁹⁶	Sansui Six	659 ⁹⁵		499 ⁰⁰	Akai GX280D	889 ⁹⁵		800 ⁹⁶
Sansui AU-9500	789 ⁹⁵		631 ⁹⁶	Sansui Seven	799 ⁹⁵		583 ⁹⁶	Akai GX285D	998 ⁹⁵		899 ⁰⁰
Akai AA-5200	279 ⁹⁵		255 ⁰⁰	Sansui Eight	899 ⁹⁵		687 ⁹⁶	Akai GX370D	1099 ⁹⁵		978 ⁰⁰
Akai AA-5500	359 ⁹⁵		325 ⁰⁰	Akai AA-8030	399 ⁹⁵		339 ⁹⁶	Akai CS-35D	229 ⁹⁵		179 ⁰⁰
Akai AA-5800	489 ⁹⁵		429 ⁹⁵	Akai AA-8080	499 ⁹⁵		424 ⁹⁶	Akai GXC36D	299 ⁹⁵		259 ⁰⁰
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Electra Super 20	139 ⁹⁵		104 ⁹⁶	Akai AA-920	449 ⁹⁵		399 ⁰⁰	Akai GXC38D	367 ⁹⁵		329 ⁰⁰
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